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Why recycling is starting to become a battleground

ONCE upon a time, putting your rubbish out was a simple task where functionality lay at its heart and the issue was rarely discussed.

Each week, you filled up your rubbish in black bin sacks, then you put them outside and, hey presto, each week, they were removed courtesy of the council's binmen.

Today, however, the process is far from straight forward. Now we live in homes where half the kitchen is consumed by receptacles for us to self sort our waste. There are food caddies, paper containers and wheely bins for bottles, general waste and all those twigs and weeds from the garden.

Of course, it's hard to argue against the essential necessity of recycling in this day and age, and indeed the argument has long since passed. We have to do it.

The problem now is that we have lost all form of flexibility. The



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dustman, on order from above, zealously reject wherever possible. Someone walk past your house and stick a can in your bin so the lid doesn't quite close; well that can be enough for your rubbish to be left. And not just for one week, but the two most authorities now operate.

If your general waste wasn't collected for a daft reason, it's hard to not then think 'well we'll stick the rest out in the recycling collection'. It's wrong, but our options have been removed. And if the collectors show no flexibility it's tough not to rebel.

Inside today's edition we take a close-up look at the situation across Kent where tempers are flaring and authorities are getting tough. We'd love to hear your views on a topic upon which everyone has a strong view.

Enjoy your long bank holiday weekend (and don't forget to put your bins out).

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Operation Jupiter aims to smash criminal gangs

By Chris Britcher

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A SPECIALIST policing team has been created to target organised crime gangs attempting to supply drugs and intimidate vulnerable people in parts of north Kent.

Operation Jupiter is dedicated to pursuing and disrupting organised criminal networks in areas including Dartford, Gravesham, Medway and Swale.

The creation of Op Jupiter signals an increased focus by Kent Police on tackling emerging criminal gangs, whose members often travel into Kent from areas outside of the county.

Chief Superintendent Adrian Futers, commander of Kent Police's north division, said: "It has become apparent that an increasing number of individuals involved in criminal gangs are attempting to operate in north Kent. Their activities potentially pose significant risks to our communities, a position I will simply not tolerate.

"Working with our community safety partners, our initial focus will be to crack down hard on those trying to sell drugs and who criminally exploit the vulnerable,



ACTIVITY: Police are looking to come down hard in a bid to smash gangs operating in the area

which can have a devastating impact on our communities. We are aware there is a significant element of drug dealing which has resulted from people travelling into north Kent. Offenders are often from London and are part of a larger drug-dealing network.

"We are continuing to work very hard to identify those we believe are trying to sell drugs in our towns and if you are planning to commit crime there is a very high chance

we already know who you are and my officers will arrest you."

In the past month alone, Operation Jupiter has led to the arrests of 30 people for drug offences.

Chief Supt Futers added: "My message to these people is very simple – keep away. We take a zero-tolerance approach to gang-related crime and work continuously with the Metropolitan Police and other neighbouring forces to target known offenders.

"I would like to thank local communities for the fantastic help they already provide in helping us detect and deter offenders.

"By continuing to work together we not only ensure north Kent remains a safe place to live but we are getting the message through to criminals that there is no hiding place from the law."

To report criminal activity call 101 or 999 in an emergency or CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

Prison service launches probe into how convict 'had sex in hospital bed'

PRISON Service chiefs are continuing to investigate reports that a dangerous prisoner was left uncuffed and allowed to have sex with his girlfriend while being treated at a Kent hospital.

Declan Madigan is serving 11 years at Sheppey's Swaleside prison after ordering a drive-by shooting.

But, according to a report in the Sun newspaper this week, that didn't stop him from carrying on a sexual relationship with his girlfriend when he was treated at Medway Maritime Hospital.

The report claims the 29-year-old was left uncuffed by guards at the Gillingham hospital, and was allowed to spend time with his girlfriend Karen Robson.

Ms Robson told the Sun: "There were three guards supposed to be watching him at all times but they never stopped me or Declan. They would either leave the room when we had sex, or just draw the curtain round his hospital bed."

The 23-year-old said they even took photographs and video of their

activities – some of which they shared with the Sun newspaper.

One appears to show the prison guard supposedly guarding him, asleep in his chair by the convict's bed. The handcuffs not attached.

Ms Robson told the Sun: "The guards never stopped us doing what we wanted. They just kept saying how easy it all was. That's why they were all falling asleep."

A Prison Service spokesperson told KoS: "We are urgently investigating these allegations and have already suspended a member of staff.

"Maintaining prisoner security on hospital escorts is paramount and we will take disciplinary action where professional standards have been breached by our staff."

Madigan, originally from Nottingham, remained in hospital for a fortnight after complaining of problems with his arms after falling from his prison bed. His legs have been paralysed since 2011 following a car crash.

Floods hit historic spa town as torrential downpours hit

TORRENTIAL rain on Monday caused major problems in parts of the county – with a number of areas in Tunbridge Wells suffering from flooding.

Emergency teams said they had received more than 60 calls in and around the town centre, with properties having to be pumped clear in Nevill Street, Market Street and Warwick Park.

However, as quickly as the rain came, the waters receded.

A spokesman for the Kent Fire and Rescue Service said: "Firefighters were not required to carry out rescue of any casualties and there are no reports of any injuries."

The heavy downpours continued through much of Monday, hitting many areas during the busy evening rush hour.

Dina Asher-Smith smashes Brit record in 200m final

ORPINGTON's Dina Asher-Smith smashed the British record for the 200m in the IAAF World Athletics Championship in Beijing on Friday afternoon – but even that wasn't enough to win a place on the podium.

The 19-year-old rising talent scorched her way into the final by setting increasingly fast times, but was unable to match the performance of Dafne Schippers from the

Netherlands, who won the race by setting a new European record.

Asher-Smith's 22.07 seconds saw her break a 31-year-old British record and was the fastest fifth place finish in the championship's history.

After the race she said she was "over the moon" at her performance. She added: "I'm really happy. I gave it my all."



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'Human error' in chemical scare at leisure site

A CHEMICAL spill at Ashford leisure complex the Stour Centre was caused by human error, it has been confirmed.

The centre had to be evacuated on the morning of August 19 after a small chemical spill in the spa plant room.

Emergency services were called and four members of staff and two members of the public, were taken to

hospital as a precaution. All were released quickly.

In a statement issued by Ashford Leisure Trust, which runs the centre, it said: "We can confirm the incident was not caused as a result of either a technical or mechanical failure but due to human error. Robust measures have been put in place to ensure this cannot occur again."



THRILLED: Jenson in Kent

F1 star Button jets in to race at Lydden Hill

FORMER Formula One champion Jenson Button joined fellow British racing ace-turned-TV-pundit David Coulthard this week in a visit to Lydden Hill race track, near Dover.

The duo attended the track, home to the British round of the FIA World Rallycross Championship – to film a short film to form part of the coverage of an upcoming F1 race.

Both drivers tested a pair of Supercars. For Mr Button, it was a chance to connect with his past. His father, John, competed in rallycross in the 1970s.

He got behind the wheel of a 1974 VW Beetle – similar to the car that his late father used to race in the British Rallycross Championship. He later swapped to drive a JRM Racing prepared MINI RX Supercar while 13-time Grand Prix winner David Coulthard took to the track in the Citroen DS3 RX Supercar that Kent race ace Liam Doran – son of the legendary Pat Doran – currently uses in World RX.

Mr Button said: "It was a mega experience and completely different to what I am used to. You need a huge amount of skill to drive these cars – on your own it's scary enough, never mind going up against another four or five other drivers. It's great to see the sport growing again like it was in the 1980s."

Rail disruption as trio of London stations closed over bank holiday break

By Chris Britcher

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RAIL travellers are being urged to check their trains before they set out as three of the major London terminals close throughout the bank holiday weekend.

As part of the on-going multi-billion pound work taking place at London Bridge, Southeastern services will be diverted to other London stations after confirming Charing Cross, Waterloo East and Cannon Street will all be shut over the three days.

Some metro services will be replaced by buses.

Part of London Bridge will also be closed over the weekend.

The government-sponsored £1.6bn Thameslink programme is rebuilding the station platform by platform. As a result, Charing Cross trains have been unable to stop at the station since last year while those platforms are rebuilt.

From next August, it will be the turn of the platforms used by Cannon Street trains to be rebuilt, and those



PROGRESS: London Bridge

services will begin running through without stopping until the station is completed in 2018.

Rail systems project director, Mark Somers, explained: "This bank holiday is an important one for us as

the work we are doing will pave the way for some major changes in January and August next year.

"We are untangling the tracks at London Bridge to reduce delays and increase the number of services that can travel through the station from 2018. It's a massive job and we appreciate the public's understanding while we do this."

Services will be back to normal for Tuesday morning.

Southeastern's managing director David Statham said: "The major rebuilding work being undertaken by Network Rail at London Bridge will mean some of our services are affected over the August Bank Holiday. We have advice for passengers on our website and would encourage people to check before they travel and to leave more time for their journey where necessary."

Southeastern services will not call at London Bridge, except for trains to and from Hastings. Trains will be diverted to either London Victoria or London Blackfriars with some trains starting and finishing at New Cross.

MP joins crackdown on pavement parkers

MAIDSTONE and the Weald MP Helen Grant has joined the chorus of protests over cars parking on pavements.

The Conservative highlighted the issue after a recent visit to Staplehurst which revealed just how difficult it was for wheelchair users and mothers with prams to access local shops due to inconsiderate parking.

The former sports minister said: "I think for the most part, drivers are unaware of problems caused to pedestrians when they park on the pavement, thinking instead that this will minimise the impact on through traffic."

"In fact, the practice can force pedestrians to step into the road because they restrict the width of the pavement. It especially affects those with pushchairs, wheelchairs or mobility scooters and also damages the pavements causing people to trip."

She joined a team leafleting along the A229, the main road through the village, in a bid to raise awareness of the issues.

Nuclear station back in action after outage

DUNGENESS power station is back to full power again after one of its two units returned to action after a period of planned maintenance on the reactor.

Each of the two units at the Dungeness B nuclear site is shut down every three years for a statutory outage when the reactor is switched off to allow the team to inspect and maintain the plant.

EDF Energy, which runs the plant, says it has spent more than £30 million on the works.

It included taking out and inspecting turbines, inspecting graphite within the core of the reactor and maintaining equipment that's usually used 24 hours a day to generate low-carbon electricity.

Two unit transformers were replaced as part of the lifetime extension programme, following the announcement earlier this year that Dungeness B is set to continue operating until 2028.

Steve Coates, plant manager, said: "This year we have produced some of the best results ever seen in an outage at Dungeness B and once again, our safety record has been excellent."

Queen of Denmark to unveil Buffs statue

ONE of the oldest regiments in the British Army, the Buffs, will be celebrated and commemorated with a specially-commissioned bronze statue being unveiled at Canterbury Cathedral.

The event will be attended by Queen Margrethe II of Denmark – colonel in chief of the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment – the descendant regiment of The Buffs.

The Regimental Association of the Queen's Own Buffs, the Royal Kent Regiment, has commissioned a 50-inch bronze statue that will stand in the precincts of Canterbury Cathedral.

The statue is based on the portrait of A Man of Kent by Lady Butler, crafted by Gillingham-based sculptor Peter Birkett.

The Royal East Kent Regiment dates back to the 16th century and fought in all major conflicts up to the 1950s, when it underwent a series of re-organisations and mergers with other regiments, eventually become the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment, based at Howe Barracks in Canterbury, in 1992.

Eight million set to tune in to see Thanet star in EastEnders

By Chris Britcher

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TOP TV soap EastEnders will swap Albert Square for the Kent coast when it hits our screens next week.

Stars of the show visited Broadstairs and Ramsgate in June for four days of shooting for two special episodes.

And viewers will finally get to see them when they air on September 3 and 4.

EastEnders' stars Annette Badland and trio Danny Dyer, Linda Henry and Luisa Bradshaw-White, who play the Carters, filmed in Broadstairs at Morellis, Victoria Gardens and Stone Bay and also got shots on Ramsgate Pier.

The show's upcoming episodes see the Carter family make the short journey from the East End to the Kent coast to scatter the ashes of fan favourite Stan Carter, who passed away on the show earlier this year, by the sea.

The cast and crew spent four days filming the emotional final send-off for Timothy West's character, while enjoying the support of onlookers who watched from a distance; occasionally breaking for some photos and selfies with the crowds.

As well as being a treat for fans, the production was also great news for the local



STARS: Spent four days filming along our coast in June - the shows finally air this week

economy, with the BBC team using many cafés, restaurants, hotels and bars during the course of their stay.

Leader of Thanet District Council, Chris Wells, said: "Officers work hard to facilitate shoots like this because of the positive national coverage for the area and the significant contribution this has to the local economy. Thanet is becoming more and more popular for films, videos and photo shoots as location managers discover our stunning sandy beaches and unusual locations. This

summer has been busy with positive filming activity and we hope that this continues."

Gabrielle Lindemann, at Kent County Council's Film Office, which looks to promote the county for filming, said "The area will be showcased to the nation as the popular soap has an average of eight million viewers per episode."

EastEnders is normally filmed at Elstree Studios in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, which is where the Albert Square set is.

Burns after duo pour water onto chip pan

TWO men were left with burns to their heads after pouring water on a chip pan fire resulting in the flames flaring up and leaving them both needing hospital treatment.

The drama occurred at a first floor in Sheerness High Street at around 11pm on Wednesday.

Sheppey crew manager, Jim Ashby, said: "Never put water on to hot oil and never leave a pan unattended."

Surprise visit by rap star Tinie Tempah

CHART-topping rapper Tinie Tempah paid a special visit to Folkestone on Thursday afternoon, to meet youngsters spending three weeks of their summer taking part in National Citizen Service.

Speaking at the visit, the star said: "I'm proud to see first-hand the courage of the region's talented youngsters to step outside of their comfort zone."

Quiz your CCG panel

THE NHS Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group - responsible for health spending in the borough - holds its next public meeting on September 10.

Prior to the meeting, held at Ashford Borough Council's Civic Centre in Tannery Lane, there will be a 15-minute chance for the public to pose questions. For details on how to ask a question and the meeting, see www.ashfordccg.nhs.uk.



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Kent County Show brought forward to boost numbers

ORGANISERS of the Kent County Show have confirmed next year's event will take place a week earlier than originally announced.

The Kent County Agricultural Society, organisers of the annual show at the County Showground in Detling, confirmed the 2016 event would take place from Friday July 8 to Sunday July 10.

Lucy Hegarty, show manager, explained: "There are several reasons the society has made the decision to move the show forward; firstly after the Royal Show closed in 2009 [an annual show organised by the Royal Agricultural Society of England] we debated moving for 2010 but decided to see how other shows would respond.

"There was a small amount of shuffling but the date remained



open. Secondly we are trying to encourage more schools to visit and engage with the show. It became apparent that the final week of term was not a good time for schools to organise a trip.

"We hope that by moving the show to earlier in July, Kent schools will be in a better position to bring their students."

This summer's event pulled in more than 77,000 visitors.

Medway slammed after coming bottom of class

MEDWAY education chiefs are coming under increasing pressure after figures released this week revealed the authority scored one of the lowest scores in the country for Key Stage 2 results.

The figures revealed just 73 per cent of students in the unitary authority achieved level 4 - the expected level.

It compares with 80 per cent in Kent, which is also the national average.

Medway Labour spokesman for young people, Adam Price, said: "Once again, Medway's education for Key Stage 2 is highlighted as the worst in the country. What is most galling is the small level of improvement in 2014 has been lost. The cabinet need to look long and hard as to whether they are

doing all they can and if deleting the portfolio holder of school improvement is sensible at a time where Medway is once again bottom of the class."

Mike O'Brien, Medway Council's portfolio holder for children's services, said he would take appropriate action where necessary.

He said: "There have been huge variations in Key Stage 2 results this year and there is not one common reason why this has happened. We are looking carefully at the results from each of our schools and the academies and acting where necessary.

"We have high aspirations for our children and we will do our utmost to ensure that schools give them the very best start in life."

Show live from Calais

BBC Radio Kent will be broadcasting live from Calais on Thursday morning - including a special section coming direct from the infamous 'Jungle' area where migrants gather.

Among those taking part in the breakfast show will be immigration minister James Brokenshire.

Strongest Man contest

THE South East England Strongest Man competition will be held in Gravesend today (Sunday) from 11am.

The event will include a full day of entertainment of strongman events with Terry Hollands, once the world's strongest man, acting as referee.

Take a trip back in time

DELVE into the history of Maidstone in September as the borough takes part in the nationwide Heritage Open Days scheme between September 10-13.

It will see a host of historic sites open for free such as the Archbishop's Palace and the Tyrwhitt-Drake Museum of Carriages.

Farm gear under hammer

A RANGE of farm machinery and equipment will be auctioned off at Mote Farm in Ivy Hatch, near Sevenoaks, on September 23.

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FEATURED PHOTO GALLERY: Rap star Tinie Tempah - who performed at the Hop Farm Festival at Paddock Wood in 2011 - returned to the county this week to pay a surprise visit to a group of youngsters in Folkestone. See www.kentnews.co.uk for all the details.

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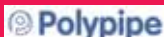
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Worrying rise in number of pet dogs being stolen

Jamie Weir on how there has been a 60 per cent rise in reported thefts over the last three years in Kent



IMAGINE for a moment leaving a shop, only to find the family member you'd left outside was no longer there.

The terror and panic as you desperately tried to find them.

It's a reality for a rising number of people, as statistics uncovered by Kent on Sunday using a Freedom of Information request show dog thefts across the county are on the increase.

In fact, thefts of canine companions have increased by 60 per cent in the last three years, causing concern for dog lovers across the county.

According to the figures provided by Kent Police, 59 dogs were swiped in 2012-13, 91 in 2013-14 and 94 over the last 12 months.

They may still be relatively low - and such incidents are mercifully rare - but the rise is of concern.

Quite what fuels the demand remains something of a mystery. But theories abound.

Joe Tabor is the treasurer of Dog Theft Action, a national charity set up to tackle the rising crime.

He told KoS that there are any number of reasons behind the rise in dog thefts. From simply fuelling a blackmarket for in-demand breeds to underground 'sport'.

He said: "One of the darker sides of dog-napping is the use of the animals in dog fighting. It isn't just the so-called fighting breeds which are stolen, as often they are used for bait, to train dogs to be more violent.

TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR PET SAFE

KENT Police says it would strongly encourage dog owners to get their pets micro-chipped as it helps to reunite lost dogs with their owners quickly, take regular photographs of their dogs and compile a good description of any markings.

Key things to remember:

- Don't leave your dog in an unattended car
- Don't leave your dog alone in the garden for long periods
- Don't take the same walk every day
- Don't share your dog's personal details with strangers
- Make sure dogs are tagged, chipped or tattooed
- Make sure that all your dog's details are current and accurately recorded
- Make sure you use an extended lead if recall is poor
- Make sure you have plenty of good photographs of your dog



PROTECT: Keep your dog safer with some simple steps

"It is a terrifying prospect for a pet owner who thinks of their dog as a close member of the family to think that could be the dog's fate."

Kent Police backed this theory up, with a spokesman saying that some stolen dogs 'may be used for illegal fighting'.

The police spokesman told KoS: "It's not always clear why dogs are stolen. It is suspected that some are stolen and sold on, others may be used for illegal fighting."

Of the dogs stolen in Kent, the most popular for thieves were Staffordshire bull terriers, with 59 being taken from their owners during the three year period. So-called 'status' dogs, like staffies, have risen in popularity which may help to explain the appeal for thieves. Gundogs such as spaniels and labradors were also high up the list.

Mr Tabor said: "There are organised gangs around which will steal to order. If someone wants a particular type of dog, or they're a breed which is easy and quick to sell, it can be a li-

cence for these gangs to print money. If they run out of cash, they can just go out and steal another one, using websites to help them sell them on.

"Imagine taking your dog out for a walk, and a white transit van pulls up, with men bundling your dog into the back. It's truly scary, and unfortunately there have been some instances of violence elsewhere in the UK when owners have tried to protect their animals."

Cash seems to be the big motivating factor for these gangs, with some pedigree dogs fetching four figure sums. Breeds which are less common - and therefore more difficult to sell on easily - can be used for other purposes.

Mr Tabor said: "Criminals will also steal these dogs to use for breeding. That means they can keep the original animal, and sell on its pups when they're born. It's tragic, as these animals aren't likely to be treated well, because they aren't loved as a pet. Instead they're simply thought of as a commodity."

Despite the large rise in thefts in Kent, insurance company More Th>n says it is rare for them to be contacted by pet owners whose dogs have been stolen.

Spokesman for the insurer, Julie Urquhart told KoS: "Forty-five per cent of dog owners are insured, and almost all policies cover dog theft with funds made available for help to advertise animals which have been lost or stolen. However we don't see it as a big problem, receiving very few claims."

"Insurance will give people comfort, and it helps them feel a bit safer, but we wouldn't say that dog theft is a particularly big problem."

One reason for few people claiming help to find dogs, says Mr Tabor, is that once they're taken, they usually aren't found again.

He told KoS: "Most of these dogs are lost forever once they're stolen."

"It can be almost impossible to trace an animal, which could quite easily end up at the other end of the country or even dead. You just have

nowhere to start your search, and although you can advertise, it's unlikely you'll ever find your pet again."

Although it's difficult to track a stolen animal down, Kent Police says that it will always work hard to help reunite owners with their missing family member.

The force's spokesman told KoS: "There could be a number of reasons for the comparatively high number of thefts in Kent. One factor is that Kent Police is recognised by Dog Lost [a charity which helps people track down their missing pets] and many dog owners as a proactive police force in terms of treating dog theft seriously. When a dog is reported as stolen, officers make enquiries to investigate the report and record it appropriately."

Obviously though, prevention is better than cure, and Mr Tabor says that for dog owners, there is hope that it'll get easier to defend against dog thefts.

He said: "We're really hoping that a new microchipping law will mean dogs become much easier for people to find if they're stolen. Half of the problem with dogs that are stolen, is that they just go into a black hole. The dog can't talk, and tell a human where they're from. But if a dog is microchipped it becomes so much easier to find out that they've been stolen."

That law means that from April 6 next year, all dogs in England must be compulsorily microchipped and registered to an approved database by the time they turn eight-weeks-old.

It could provide hope for people whose pets are stolen then, but it's likely to be little comfort for those whose dogs were stolen before the law.

Shockwaves after Shoreham's tragedy shudder our air shows

Chris Murphy speaks to local organisers in the light of the death of at least 11 people in A27 crash

ORGANISERS of some of Kent's biggest and most successful air shows say they will take on board any findings of the Civil Aviation Authority following last weekend's tragic crash at Shoreham.

At least 11 people are feared to have been killed in the crash which saw a 1950s Hawker Hunter jet crash onto the busy A27 during Saturday afternoon.

It comes during the busy summer season for air shows which have seen displays conducted over recent weekends at Herne Bay, Biggin Hill and Headcorn - all events which pulled in thousands of spectators.

Gerald McCarthy works at the BayPromoTeam and organisers of the Herne Bay Air Show, said: "We were shocked and deeply saddened with what happened at Shoreham on Saturday, and our thoughts and prayers are with friends and family of those that tragically lost their lives at the event.

"As for a review of the suitability of air show locations nationally, we believe this is a matter for the aviation industry to look at over the coming weeks and months."

Motorists were engulfed in a huge fire ball while shocking eye-witness footage of the tragedy spread across the internet and social media.

Quite what went wrong has not yet been confirmed. However, remarkably, the pilot of the jet, Andy Hill, survived the crash.

At the time of going to press he remained in a critical condition and had been put in an induced coma.

The plane crashed after failing to pull out of a loop stunt it was carrying out.

Mr Hill had flown as part of the RV8tors display team at Herne Bay just a week prior to the tragedy - sending organisers a thank you note for inviting him to take part.

Now his testimony will hopefully form a key part in the investigation being conducted by the Civil Aviation Authority into just what happened.

It has already issued a number of restrictions for all event organisers.

These include a temporary ban on all further flights by Hawker Hunter aircraft and 'significant restrictions' on flying displays over land by vintage jet aircraft. They will be limited to flypasts, with 'high energy' aerobatics not permitted until the investigation is completed.

A statement this week from the CAA added: "The safety standards that must be met by all major civil air displays in the UK are among the very highest in the world. All air display arrangements, including the pilots and aircraft, must meet rigorous



TRIBUTE: Pilot Andy Hill, left, fights for his life after crash just a week after he flew in Kent. Pictures: PA

safety requirements. Individual display pilots are only granted approval following a thorough test of their abilities.

"All aviation safety requirements are regularly reviewed to ensure they provide the highest possible levels of protection. Events of this nature are very rare, but we will now thoroughly examine the circumstances to establish if further improvements can be made."

Biggin Hill's Festival of Flight was staged in June

and just two weeks ago, it saw vintage Spitfires and Hurricanes take off as part of a special event to mark the 'Hardest Day' in the Battle of Britain.

A spokesman said: "There is immense sadness at this terrible accident and our condolences go out to the friends and families to all those who lost their lives on the A27.

"Our thoughts are with the pilot." Chris Yates works at Headcorn Special Events which held an air show in July with a host of vintage aircraft. He told us: "It was a terrible shock. There are reg-

ular air shows at Headcorn throughout the year.

"However, it is very unusual and very rare.

"I am sure there will be recommendations once the investigation is over on what can be done to avoid this happening again and we will be watching this closely."

The busy A27 was expected to reopen this weekend after a major clear-up operation took place during most of the week. However, no further bodies have been found despite fears. A number of people remained missing, however.



CARNAGE: Jet tragedy left carnage on A27, above. Just earlier this month, crowds gathered at the beach in Herne Bay, bottom, to watch pilot Andy Hill take part in a hugely successful event



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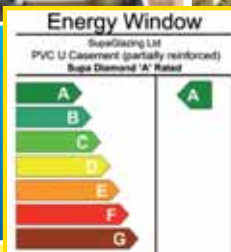
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Are demands to recycle laying waste to our bin collections?

As councils start to get tough on what we put in our bins, **Jamie Weir** looks at how binmen have been forced to abandon their rounds amid a rise in tension and asks whether we're now expected to do too much to get our rubbish collected

WHEN a dustbin lorry started making its way through Stanhope - a dense housing estate on the outskirts of Ashford - earlier this month a near riot broke out.

Such was the level of verbal abuse the refuse collectors experienced, the driver was forced to abandon the round and leave the area. So just what was causing such a furore?

The answer? Recycling sacks and just exactly was going in them.

And the good folk of Stanhope are far from alone in Kent in what is becoming a growing dissatisfaction about the demands being made on just how we sort out our rubbish for collection.

According to Ashford Borough Council, the residents involved in the scenes were upset after their bins were left uncollected after the binmen judged the recyclable rubbish was 'contaminated'.

And that means anything from remains of food in tin cans, milk still left in bottles or simply non-recycled material included.

In total, 128 bins went uncollected that week.

With recycling collections taking place on a fortnightly basis, and most homes now juggling a variety of boxes, caddies, containers and wheely bins, it is perhaps hardly a surprise tempers were bubbling over.

After all, there is nothing more frustrating than discovering you've accidentally put something in the wrong bin only for the whole thing to be rejected and have to stay outside your home for a further 14 days.

But local authorities are having to get tougher than ever as recycling centres start to impose fines for rubbish which reaches them that is contaminated.

It's a Catch 22 for householders who only in recent years have been forced to become litter experts in their own homes and sort out an increasing range of garbage, while bidding farewell to weekly collections for each distinct type of waste.

But with so many different bins, and so many layers of sorting required, is recycling getting harder for them?

Jonathan Longley is environmental contracts and operations manager at Ashford Borough Council. His remit includes responsibility for recycling which, he admits, can be something of a rollercoaster ride.

He told KoS that now the council - once dubbed worst recycler in England - is flying up



TENSE: Risk of putting wrong things in

the recycling league table, people are getting a little clumsy with what they put in their bins.

He said: "We've had a massive rise in people recycling in the borough which is fantastic, but just lately we've had a few problems with people putting the wrong things in with their recycling."

The main culprits, according to Mr Longley, are clothing, and also food waste.

He said: "I don't think it is maliciousness, but after two years of really working hard to improve our recycling, people may be getting a bit complacent, or forgetting what is, and what's not, allowed in the bins."

Ashford isn't alone in struggling with contamination issues - though they rarely spill over in quite as dramatic a manner as happened in Stanhope.

Last summer Thanet District Council announced it was introducing a 'zero tolerance' approach to its recycling collections after contamination rates rocketed to 25 per cent.

Put a bit of plastic in with your paper and your bin will be left unemptied and with a sticker telling you why attached to it. Unsurprisingly, residents were left fuming. Since the recycling collections were introduced in November, however, the district's recycling rates shot up from 20 per cent to nearer 40.

Canterbury City Council also refuses bins



SORT IT: Mix your cardboard with your tins in some areas and your recycling will be left outside your house with a note attached saying it is not going to be collected and explaining why

when they have the wrong contents. Spokesman for the council, Rob Davies, told KoS: "Contamination is an issue for all councils and we do sometimes leave bins uncollected because they have materials in that cannot be recycled. A note explaining why is always left behind, but we cannot risk having an entire refuse truck load rejected at the recycling centre due to contamination. "If a truck load was rejected, it would have to go to landfill, which is obviously not what we want, or what residents who take the time to sepa-

rate properly want either." It costs more cash when loads are rejected – a cost met by taxpayers – so it's something most councils, already struggling due to ever constricting budgets from national government, want to keep under control. According to Ashford Borough Council, that cost runs at around £50 to £60 per tonne of rejected recycling, and it can be caused by the smallest things. Mr Longley said: "If a person put a half-empty bottle of tomato sauce into their bin, or a half-eaten tin of beans,

that would get compacted in the waste lorry. That would then seep out, contaminating all of the other bits around it, like paper or card." Despite the problem of contamination, more than six out of 10 people in the UK now describe themselves as committed recyclers, compared with less than 50 per cent in 2004. We may accept it now – primarily as it has been foisted upon us by local authorities – but there is a danger that the evolution of our waste collections; fortnightly collections, extensive extra recycling bins, could see the public

mood swing away once again. Education, it seems, is the key for members of the public to pick up what to put into their recycling, and what should be left out. Medway Council works to increase the quality of its recycling loads in areas where it sees problems arise. But then it will also be looked at jealously by those living in other districts as a result of its weekly collections for all waste. Johanna Dickson, waste development manager for the council told KoS: "We're very fortunate, as we

have an extremely straight forward system of recycling which means that perhaps we don't experience the same problems other council's do. One thing which has helped us is that everything is picked up every week. That means people don't get waste building up, which helps keep the quality of loads up. "Where we do have problems, our unsung heroes are community wardens, who are able to go out and speak to residents and help them under-

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stand what is meant to go where. This year, we also sent out letters included with people's council tax statements, reminding them what they should, and perhaps a bit more importantly, what they shouldn't put in their recycling."

With 112,000 houses being visited by the loaders in Medway – each of whom walks around 16 miles a day – it's important to ensure loads aren't being rejected, according to Miss Dickson.

She said: "At the moment we're not a top performing recycler, but we are middle of the road.

"We want to build on that, so we're always pushing the message that 'every can counts' and that we want people to get involved. However it isn't compulsory to recycle, and we don't want to force people who aren't interested. Thankfully most people are and now we want to build on that with the next challenge being getting people to think more widely about all waste which can be recycled."

Medway's 'middle of the road' performance sees it recycle 46 per cent of waste – less than those authorities more strict with their collections and which offer fortnightly pick-ups.

That's a similar rate to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, which declined an interview – and Canterbury City Council, which both say they're around the 50 per cent mark.

Sevenoaks is sitting rather lower down the league, recycling just 37.5 per cent of the waste it collected between April and June this year. Although it insists its population are buying into the concept.



WASTE: Medway is one of the few authorities in the county where weekly bin collections for all types of rubbish still take place.

A spokesman told KoS: "Usually, no more than four to five per cent is rejected as being either contaminated, such as food waste, or because it is material of low quality.

"Our residents have become very good about putting the correct things out for recycling."

Ashford, which just a few years ago sat at the 14 per cent mark, now recy-

cles more than 50 per cent of its waste. The council says it wants to keep the number growing.

Recycling chief Mr Longley said: "Residents in Ashford have done immensely well getting our recycling rate up to where it is currently. Now we want to go on and become one of the top recyclers in the country. To do that, we'll need to ensure no loads are

contaminated in the future.

"We're working with our collection company who is placing stickers on bins to let people know when they've put the wrong things in with their recycling. That helps people understand where they've got it wrong, and, hopefully get it right next time."

The people of Stanhope may take a little more persuading.

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Reporter **Jamie Weir** joined a host of thrillseekers at Brands Hatch this week as the circuit was taken over by the Red Letter Day firm, giving them a chance to get behind the wheel of their dream vehicle

APOCALYPTIC speed is how the Porsche 911 Turbo has been described in reviews of its performance. The problem with that, however, lies in the fact that living in a country which has a top speed limit of 70mph, there's very little scope to unleash the monstrous 520bhp engine.

And monstrous seems an apt description with an engine which propels the driver to 62mph – or 100kmph for Europeans – in just 3.2 seconds in the sport version, and ever onwards to a top speed that's just shy of 200mph.

That makes owning one in the UK nigh on redundant – it's like a starving man being denied a feast on the table in front of him.

However, there are rare occasions when you can release this, and other supercars, to do what they do best. Those days are on the track, and you don't even have to own one to get the thrills.

Nestled in the leafy borough of Sevenoaks lurks a track so drenched in motorsport history, its hard not to be a little in awe of it. Brands Hatch has, over the years, truly established itself as a venue of legends.

And it was there, earlier this week, that the boy racer which lurks inside the heart of many, could come out to play.

Arriving at a rain drenched Brands, there was some concern that the track would be too sodden to drive during what had, somewhat optimistically, been called 'Summer Speed' by organisers Red Letter Days.

A venture jointly owned by Dragons' Den entrepreneurs Theo Paphitis and Peter Jones, they provide a ticket to access the track in a variety of vehicles.

They are one of the leading brands in buying 'an experience' – the chance to get behind the wheel of anything from the aforementioned Porsche, a monster truck or even the rather more modest two-wheeled Segway machines.

I am here for rather more than a sate ride, however.

The scream of a Lamborghini Gallardo's V10 engine as it flew down the track's Brabham Straight put paid to fears rain would stop play.

But before anyone gets to jump into a supercar on the track, and get that phenomenal power working, it's necessary to go through a comprehensive safety briefing.

That puts those wannabe racers in the line of fire of ex-Formula One test driver Duncan Gray, who, with 40-years of experience racing, has shared a spot on teams with household names like Eddie Irvine and Fernando Alonso. Drivers are walked through what they need to do in any given circumstance, with safety of paramount importance.

Everyone taking to the track is also given guidance and tips on how to find the so-called 'racing line' where drivers vie to clip the apex of a corner, where they put their foot down and, perhaps more importantly, where to brake. The one mantra which Mr Gray told us was key to getting around the circuit fast – something he learnt from the great driver Sterling Moss – was that drivers should go 'slow in, fast out'.

That meant, according to Mr Gray, the exit speed from a corner should be the focus, rather than arriving at a bend at breakneck speed.

Following the safety brief-



ing, drivers filed out to one of the pit lane garages, where a series of Alfa Romeo hot hatches were lined up for a 'hot lap'. This gave participants the chance to experience the track at the hands of a genuine racing driver, who would coach them through each corner, drilling home lessons on when to get the power on, and when drivers needed to take it easy.

The instructor took it easy on the first lap, talking throughout and explaining the track conditions. The rain had eased – something he said meant the track was in a 'greasy' condition, with oils and exhaust fumes adhering to the asphalt, leaving a slippery surface behind. That was something he demonstrated on his second lap, intentionally flicking the tail of the car a touch as he put the power on while rounding the tight Graham Hill bend on the circuit.

The track itself is a mixture of fast straights, demanding tight corners and smooth sweeping curves.

Bromley-born Gary Paffett, an F1 test driver and competitor in the DTM racing series, was one of three expert professional racers at the event to ad-

vice drivers. He said the track was 'probably one of the most challenging circuits' he'd driven in his racing career.

Once out of the Alfa, it was time to finally get behind the wheel of that Porsche, but not before Mr Paffett admitted his car of choice on the day would have been the McLaren MP4.

He explained: "I've driven all of the cars on offer, and if I were getting to pick one, it would be the McLaren. That's because of how it performs everywhere. It's such a versatile car, with great performance both on, and off the track."

The 34-year-old says that versatility is an important attribute for drivers too.

He said: "It's not just about being fast, it's about being able to adapt to whatever you're driving, whatever conditions – like today with the rain – and whichever track you're on. Great drivers aren't just quick in one car, on one track, they can adapt to be quick on everything."

The advice seemed to be good, but once in the Porsche, it became significantly tougher to actually follow, particularly while flying toward the

first Paddock Hill bend at well over 100mph. After a couple of gentle first laps, I was encouraged to turn up the power as I became more confident in my knowledge of the course. And by the last lap, I was flying around, every bit the racing driver for the day.

Emerging from the car, the pit lane was chock full of fellow supercar drivers with excited onlookers.

The thing which struck me immediately on exiting the car was that despite the atrocious weather, not a single person looked miserable, with smiles across the board.

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HELMET: Our Jamie (above) got to fly around track in a Porsche 911



Remarkable rescue after SOS in the sand saves 63-year-old adventurer

Chris Murphy on the drama of Dartford's Geoff Keys after getting lost in a remote Australian park

A 63-year-old adventurer has been rescued in dramatic fashion after getting lost in a remote part of Australia - and was only saved when he wrote an SOS in the sand of a river bank.

The desperate plea for help was spotted by a rescue helicopter just moments before it was about to search elsewhere.

And it meant, after two days lost, Geoff Keys, from Dartford, was finally found alive and well.

Mr Keys had been on holiday and camping in the Jardine River National Park in Queensland, right at the northern most point in Australia, an isolated area around 1,000 miles sq.

He had set out to try and find an isolated waterfall known as Eliot Falls.

The falls should have only been around one-and-a-half-miles away - a route Mr Keys intended to traverse by swimming down the nearby Canal Creek to get there, then trek through the undergrowth back.

Setting out in bare feet, he was wearing just a pair of swimming trunks with shorts over them, a t-shirt and a hat.

After starting to swim at around

4.30pm "the water was really warm and pleasant" he remembers, he shortly came to a double sets of waterfalls.

He explains: "But there were no people around and no sign of public access to them. I knew the Eliot falls would have been busy and that there would have been a path there. So, I carried on swimming, beginning to wonder where on earth these waterfalls were.

"Soon after 6pm I decided it was time to turn back. Still no sign of Eliot falls and I'd given up on the idea of reaching them. And here is where I made one of the stupidest decisions ever. Instead of turning round and swimming back upstream I decided to take to the bush and cut across to the track. It was nearly dark. I had no shoes. What was I thinking of? Well, I was convinced the track was nearby and walking back would have been easier than swimming."

Father-of-three Mr Keys, writing in his online travel blog, explained: "I took a bearing off the setting sun and the rising moon and headed north, back the way I'd come. Or so I thought.

"What I completely failed to find was the track I was seeking. At about



SAVED: SOS in the sand, left, alerted the Queensland rescue team which was circling the area in a helicopter


8.30pm I came across a stream and fought my way along it knowing it would take me somewhere, eventually. Something that stumbling around in the dark clearly wouldn't. And as per all the text books, after about half an hour the stream joined a creek.

"I assumed it to be Canal Creek so started swimming up it. It took me about two hours to realise it wasn't the same creek as the one I'd swum down. There were several features that were different.

But I kept swimming upstream, it

seemed the sensible thing to do.

"At about 2am, I came to another set of waterfalls and thinking there might be public access to these, I climbed onto the shore and settled down to wait for daylight - it wasn't a very comfortable night."





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“ Here’s where I made one of the stupidest decisions ever. Instead of turning round and swimming back up-stream I decided to take to the bush...” ”

Geoff Keys,
on how he lost his way

called to duty at 8.30am for a missing tourist.”

After a fruitless first day, they then decided to have a pilot take a helicopter north of the original search area.

They were about to exit the search zone when he looked down and saw an exposed sand bank with the SOS written in it.

He said: “I was stoked as this was the first good clue we had. I made a decision to scout a little further before returning to reassign all the helicopters. After we travelled another 6km I asked the pilot to turn back when out of the blue we spotted our missing man standing in the middle of the creek, waving at us.”

He was located at around 3pm some 48 hours after he went missing and about 12km away from the search zone. He was winched to safety and transported to the Thursday Island Hospital for medical treatment for a number of deep cuts to his feet. Apart from being fatigued, he was in good condition.

THANKS: Geoff Keys, left, and Brad Foat who spotted him waving frantically after two days of searching

Although travelling alone, Mr Keys had met other tourists at a nearby campsite and they raised the alarm.

“As the morning went on I heard helicopters over in the distance and guessed they were searching for me,” he said. “Nothing to do but keep swimming and that’s what I did.

“Around lunchtime I came to a sandbank and was in the process of swimming past it when I had a brain-

wave. It seemed a good idea to help myself as much as possible so I got out of the water, found a stick and wrote a message in the sand, just in case the helicopter came down that way.”

He daubed ‘Help 2807’ - the day’s date - and an arrow pointing in the direction he was travelling.

He explained: “I thought this would be enough to get any helicopter that saw it looking in the right place.”

After another night sleeping in the dense overgrowth, the following day finally brought success.

He said: “Suddenly I heard a helicopter coming down river. I leapt off the bank into the creek but by the time I’d done so it had gone.

“I stood in midstream, yelling at the pilot to come back – and he did. He circled me once while I jumped up and down waving my hat. No reac-

tion to my efforts. He came around again while I continued to jump up and down like a lunatic and this time someone waved to me out of the window. My ordeal was over.

“I feel stupid but lucky. I’m sorry about the worry caused to friends and family.”

Brad Foat, a senior constable with Land Search And Rescue in Queensland, said the rescue was one of the most challenging he’d ever faced.

He said: “I was about to enjoy a day off with my family when I was re-

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Seaside town turned into giant board game

Chris Murphy on the latest artwork to inject life into historic Margate and how people are teaming up for chance to play

MARGATE has become a giant playing board for an innovative game which sees teams trek across the seaside town in a search for clues.

Called TribevTribes, a series of smaller scale pilots proved a success - leading to organisers this month launching a full size version in the town.

And its creator hopes it will be another piece in the jigsaw of the seaside town's revival, with the living, breathing artwork engaging with players.

Originator Dan Thompson describes himself as a 'social artist' who concentrates on mapping, public spaces and towns as places to play.

He explained how it will work: "TribevTribes is a month-long artwork which takes the centre of Margate as a board to play on.

"Players join one of five teams - or 'tribes' - Mods, Rockers, Punks, Hip-pies and Ravers.

"They visit venues across Margate, looking for a hidden Dead Letter Box. Usually taking the form of a wooden

box, the Dead Letter Box is identified by some combination of the five tribe symbols.

"Players can visit each venue once a week. In a few places, the box is held by staff, and there's a password to access it; the clue to these stashes can be found in other boxes.

"Every Dead Letter Box contains two things for sure; a log book and a pack of 'chance' cards. Players record that they've visited to score a point, and take a card which can send them to other venues or set them another task to score more points. Dead Letter Boxes might also contain rewards or gifts left by other players. These might change week to week, and special rewards might be announced via social media."

It has backing from Marine Studios, the people behind the Gaming Expo East Kent (Geek) festival in the town, plus funding from Kent County Council and the Tribes Festival.

The aim of the game is to help people 'uncover their inner tribal instincts' and discover new parts of Margate in a way that is engaging and fun.

Mr Thompson added: "Players can

play by themselves, in secret; they can just visit each venue, find the Dead Letter Box and record their visit. The game is like a less technological version of geocaching [which sees players use satellite navigation devices to find packages hidden around the town and countryside]. It's a good way to explore Margate.

"Or players can choose to play TribevTribes on a more social level. Players don't know who else is on their team, but can accept 'chance' card challenges to use social media to meet other players.

"Or they can, by gathering strangers together, and without even meeting them, play strategically, agreeing to all visit certain venues in an attempt to conquer them.

"That's important because scores are collected from the Dead Letter Boxes, and announced on a rolling basis. Each week, it will be announced which Tribe has scored most points and conquered each venue, encouraging the other teams to try to retake those places on the board.

"Around 20 venues are involved in



the work. Each venue can choose how to participate; the simplest way is just to host a Dead Letter Box. But some venues have chosen to get their staff playing, to add extra levels of content, or to champion one of the five tribes on social media. The first 15 venues are already in play - and more will be added soon. The venues are large, big public-funded attractions like Turner Contemporary, and small, independent shops, cafes and attractions like the Shell Grotto, Rat Race and Proper Coffee.

So how did he come up with the idea?

He told us: "TribevTribes was conceived after carrying out evaluation of last year's Summer of Colour, a festival organised by Turner Contemporary. That evaluation found that people's movement across Margate from venue to venue was limited. And that people weren't generally attending multiple events within the festival.

"TribevTribes aims to address that, by giving people an incentive to move between places. But it also creates a

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BATTLE: Join one of the five tribes to trek across the town in a bid to find clues hidden in Dead Letter Boxes

linking structure for the diverse venues within the festival, and connects them to smaller independent shops, cafes and attractions across the town."

The game, with 45 players, will run until Sunday, September 13, and is part of the Margate Summer Tribes Festival. More players have just been invited to join in.

Mr Thompson added: "You can play the game for free, but some clues

are hidden in paid areas of a few venues such as Dreamland and the Shell Grotto. You can play as a daytripper, and score points, or you can make TribevTribe the bit that underpins a longer holiday here. And you can play as a resident, visit venues multiple times, and be more strategic.

"You can play as a child and explore the town, or if you're older playing might jog some memories."

Mr Thompson said: "Art is about

beautiful objects, but it's also about helping you see things differently, and about creating connections between people. TribevTribe does all three.

"It can be a secret experience, just you. There are people in Margate who've never been to the Shell Grotto – well, go.

"TribevTribe is your excuse to be a tourist in your own town. But you can also play socially.

"You can use the game to make connections on social media like Twitter and Facebook. Then you can build a tribe and in doing so, you'll

make new friends and explore the town together."

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Peter Cushing's Rogue resurrection

Chris Britcher on how the late actor is all set for a new Star Wars movie - despite his death back in 1994

LATE legendary actor Peter Cushing is set to be brought back to life to star in an upcoming new Star Wars movie.

The actor, best known for his roles in Hammer Horror movies, played Grand Moff Tarkin in the original 1977 space epic – boss of the iconic Darth Vader.

He lived in Whitstable for many years of his life, up until his death at a Canterbury hospice in 1994. The town has named Cushing View, an area where he used to enjoy sitting along the beach, after him and the town's museum has a regular display devoted to his career.

Now it has been revealed producers of a number of Star Wars spin-off movies are spending millions to recreate his character using CGI.

So in-depth is the research, a national newspaper claims, that a whole team are trawling through his old films to ensure his mannerisms and way he walks is recreated.

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story will be set before the original trilogy and tell the story of how the Rebel Alliance came to capture the plans for the dreaded Death Star, of which Moff Tarkin was commander.

It is due for release next December - a year after the eagerly anticipated Star Wars: Episode VII The Force Awakens, which reunites the original



BACK: Moff Tarkin and Darth Vader in the 1977 Star Wars original

cast of the much-loved trilogy.

Speaking to the Mail on Sunday, a source on the movie said: "This is one of the most complex and costly CGI recreations ever.

"Peter Cushing is a pivotal plot line as he was the one to create Darth Vader and there's a whole back

story that will have to come out."

One of the problems facing those recreating Cushing's character is that in the original film the actor refused to wear the boots created for him, insisting instead he wore a comfortable pair of slippers instead.

That meant all shots had to be

above waist high or with Cushing stood behind props.

The source added: "They are going through hours and hours of old footage from the horror movies to recreate his legs and feet to produce realistic movements. It is eerie to see someone who has been dead for so

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AFTER director George Lucas unleashed his three Star Wars prequels on a hungry world in the 1990s, the desire was there, but critically the films fell a little short and he announced the saga which had made his fortune would see no additional films.

But at the end of 2012 it was announced Disney was buying his Lucasfilms company for £2.5bn. A year later, it confirmed three new Star Wars movies would be made. And to the excitement of anyone who grew up on the original trilogy, they would reunite Luke Skywalker, Han Solo and Princess Leia.

The Force Awakens will hit cinema screens this December. But that's not all. In addition to three new 'core' Star Wars movies, there will also be a number of spin-off movies



focusing on other characters in the Star Wars universe.

Disney also, earlier this month, confirmed it would be creating Star Wars worlds at two of its US theme parks.

The Force remains strong with this movie franchise it seems.

long come to life on a screen."

The last film Cushing appeared in was 1986's Biggles: Adventures in Time.

His Moff Tarkin character was recreated, albeit briefly, for Star Wars prequel, Revenge of the Sith, released in 2005.



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ARTISTIC: A number of artists including Gavin Turk will be there on the day. Picture: Dave Benett.

Combination of a car boot sale and art fair comes to Margate

Molly Kersey speaks to one of the curators about what 'wacky' art event has in store for its visitors....

THE former home to renowned artists such as JMW Turner and Tracy Emin, Margate has been reaping the rewards of an ever-growing arts and cultural scene, with the Turner Contemporary Gallery at its core.

And now, the Vauxhall Art Car Boot Fair, which aims to blend elements of a classic car boot sale and art fair, will be making its way to the seaside town, and bringing an impressive line-up of artists with it.

Artists have made special works just for the day, with people including Tracy Emin, Gavin Turk, Vic Reeves, Rachel Howard and Sir Peter Blake all set to attend.

As well as this, there will be a number of lively performances on the Cabaret Futura stage, drag acts and a knitted swimsuit fashion parade.

The event was the brainchild of founder and curator Karen Ashton, and the first one took place in 2004, with the aim of 're-introducing fun and frivolity into a thriving but increasingly commercial art scene.'

"It's become bigger and it's become a bit more wacky and like a mini festival that takes place over one afternoon, but the ethos has remained the same," explained Ms Ashton.

"Artists can come and sell their own work directly to the public.

"Tracy Emin has made a very affordable poster, which she has signed, and she has done a special edition print as well. Vic Reeves is coming with four new prints."

The event made its way to Folkestone last year, to tie in with the Triennial, but this is the first time that it will be appearing in Margate, where it will be stationed outside the Turner Contemporary.

The art event usually takes place in the capital, but organisers were looking to branch out and explore different areas.

"Margate kind of chose us. We thought - 'we must do this again outside of London,'" explained Ms Ashton.

"We realised how great Margate was and how it's got this pioneering spirit. There is this wealth of creativity there," she added.

This time there will be a dog show along the promenade with special prizes including most inspiring hound, as well as the chance to take part in a dog in the boot photo shoot in a vintage Vauxhall Viva.



DOG THEME: The art is inspired by our canine chums

"This year will have a dog theme - it's the year of the dog. The artists have been making art that involves dogs in some shape or form," explained Ms Ashton.

And she hopes to encourage as many people as possible to attend the art event.

"We want to make it very accessible," she said.

"It's a very, very affordable event. Anybody can come along, if you have a few quid in your pocket you can walk away with something amazing."

Entry is £3 and it will be taking place in the Turner Contemporary's car park today (August 30) from 12pm to 4pm.

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FALLING: Easier than a bungee jump according to the 80-year-old

Getting ready to ski across the Channel...at the tender age of 80

Jamie Weir speaks to the remarkable daredevil Robin Hanbury-Tenison ahead of his latest challenge

WHILE most people in their 80s are happy to spend their weekends pottering around the house, Robin Hanbury-Tenison OBE refuses to go quietly, saying he still wants to do his 'bit of raging'.

In fact, in his 81st year of life, he'll be making more waves than most people ever manage during their youth.

That's because the lively pensioner is due to water-ski the English Channel from Dover to Calais tomorrow (Monday) – weather allowing – as part of an epic list of challenges he's taking on for charity.

"It's such an awful age, isn't it? When I thought about turning 80, I wanted to do something to show I wasn't finished," explains Mr Hanbury-Tenison.

"I also wanted to show other people that they didn't have to give up as they got older, and that if they wanted to, they were still able to keep doing things like this."

It's that spirit which will see Mr Hanbury-Tenison take to the water behind a speedboat which, he hopes, will drag him at speeds of more than 20mph across the English Channel.

So is he nervous about water-skiing across the world's busiest shipping lane?

"It's undoubtedly the most difficult challenge I've undertaken, and certainly the one I'm most worried about," he tells KoS this week.

That's some statement when you consider the fact that this year, he has taken on seven other physically and mentally gruelling challenges.

He told KoS: "I started planning to do a list of eight challenges – one for each decade I've been alive – around a year ago. I thought I could raise



CHIPPER: Mr Hanbury-Tenison hopes crossing will take place Monday

£10,000 for charity during each event.

"Taking on a marathon was the most obvious choice, but then I started thinking about what else I could do."

Pondering things other than the 'traditional' London Marathon – which he completed in six hours and 21 minutes in April – has seen him climb the four highest mountains in the British Isles, abseil down the deepest shaft in England, and crawl through the Devil's Arse – England's deepest cave.

Were there any challenges he thought he couldn't take on? Not a single one according to the adventurer – however, bungee jumping wasn't allowed.

"I rather fancied doing a bungee jump, but my wife banned me from doing one, telling me that at my age I'd probably end up inside out," he

said, with a chuckle.

"She would probably have been proved right," Mr Hanbury-Tenison added.

Despite his wife's veto, he quickly decided to replace the planned bungee jump with a skydive from 14,000 feet.

He told KoS: "I thought, what can go wrong with a skydive. I mean, you just sit in a plane, ride it up and then fall out of it. Once you're out the door, all you have to do is drop. That didn't sound difficult to me."

A braver man than most, he confides he was nervous once the plane was airborne.

He said: "It was only once I was up there I started wondering whether it was a good idea, or whether I was mad."

"It gave the photographer who jumped with me a great opportunity to get some wonderful snaps of me



TOUGH: Mr Hanbury-Tenison in the deepest cave and on his water-skis

screaming my head off. With all of the challenges so far, I've only really found myself feeling nervous when I'm actually doing them."

This time though, Mr Hanbury-Tenison is feeling a little more concerned ahead of time.

He said: "This is the challenge, out of all of them, which I'm most likely to fail. If it were glass flat I'd be confident, but it's never like that. With water-skiing the Channel, there are so many things which can go wrong."

"For one thing, it's so weather dependent that we can't even be sure it'll take place on Monday. We aren't able to go out if the wind's above seven knots, and we want the best conditions for the attempt."

As an 80-year-old and the oldest person to ever water-ski across the Channel Mr Hanbury-Tenison says he's been working hard to give himself the best chance of completing the crossing.

He said: "I've been doing a fair bit of training to prepare myself. I used to water-ski when I was younger, and when I dreamt up the challenge I



didn't think it'd be too difficult. Once I started training, I realised it would be tough because my balance isn't what it used to be, and it's physically demanding."

"I've learnt a new style of grip, which is a racing technique. It's easier on the arms, but it's still very tough."

Despite the task being far from easy, Mr Hanbury-Tenison is passionate about completing it. That's because by doing so, he'll be helping raise cash for a charity he co-founded in 1969, called International Survival. Currently president of the organisation, which helps tribal people worldwide defend their lives and land, he's hoping to raise as much cash as possible.

He said: "The charity is the cause closest to my heart, so I want to raise as much as possible for it. Currently I've raised £60,000, but I'd like to see that rise to £80,000 soon."

To find out more about the charity and Mr Hanbury-Tenison visit www.survivalinternational.org and www.robinsbooks.co.uk

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It's all apples and pears as county set for fine crop

Kent remains the nation's premier fruit producer and farmers are preparing to head to their orchards to take in what should be a quality harvest next month

By Chris Murphy

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THE weather may have been miserable this week, but our apple and pear farmers are raising a glass to the conditions as they prepare to harvest what should be a top quality crop.

And it should mean the county retains its historic place at the top of the tree for fruit production.

While many pro-

ducers are expecting great things.

Ed Martin, from local food and drink champions Produced in Kent, told us: "The apple harvest has been heavier than last year and most growers are reporting excellent taste, colour and fruit full of juice even if individual fruits are slightly smaller than in 2014."

"There is a continuing trend for consumers to go for the sweet tasting varieties which has seen a decrease in the number of Cox apples being grown and an increase in gala and a big increase in new varieties such as Jazz and Zari."

He added: "Kent is the major area for dessert apples in the UK with between 65 and 70 per cent of all dessert apples sold in UK being grown and harvested in Kent. Many growers are investing heavily in this sector, planting new orchards and varieties and growing pears in bigger numbers."

"By investing in new technologies and orchard design this will help reduce waste and improve the quality and this will not only produce more fresh fruit, so vital to the national diet, but also help

keep a lid on prices and avoid Kent having to import fruit unnecessarily, often from far away."

And the often under-rated pear industry is booming too.

Adrian Barlow is chief executive of English Apples and Pears Ltd, based at East Malling Enterprise Centre.

He explained: "Kent is about to produce around 28,000 tonnes of pears which will be worth something like £27 million retail."

"This is about what has happened in the last few years. We just need the rain to stop now so the picking equipment can work effectively. The rain was great for swelling out the fruit in recent weeks, but has to stop now."

"The UK consumes 130,000 tonnes but there is a massive potential to increase production. Modern orchards will see tree planted much closer together and needs new techniques in pruning and management."

"But output is very, very much higher than traditional orchards – at least double."

"The difficulty is that it is costing £30,000 per hectare



in up-front investment to plant and develop the orchards.

"And of course, people are not prepared to make that sort of investment unless they are reassured they really will be able to make money."

"So as a nation, we need to buy more pears with the Union Jack logo."

"The apples and pears industry supports about 10,000 jobs in the UK and Kent produces 65 per cent of what is eaten."

With the main apple varieties ready to harvest in the middle to end of September,

no one is forecasting a record crop, but all are predicting a high quality one.

Nigel Bardsley, of Bardsley Farm in Staplehurst, is set to start picking in the coming weeks. He said he has noticed a growing trend over the past few years – and that's dry summers.

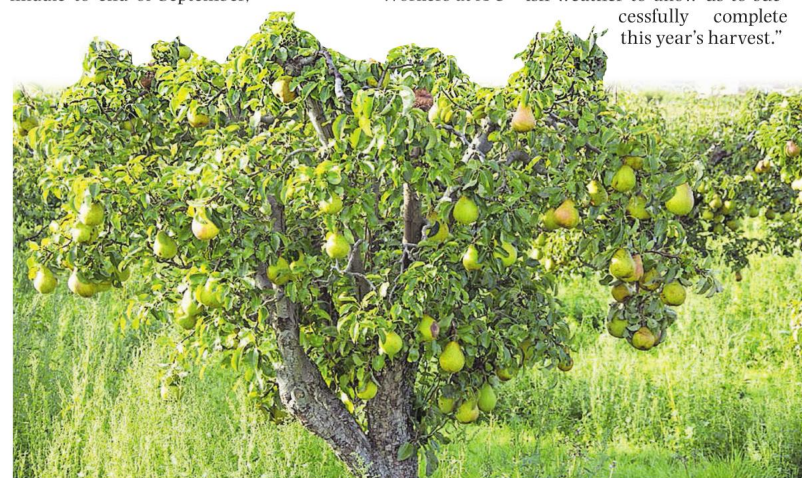
He told us: "The recent rains have helped a lot and I am quite happy with the way the apples and pears are progressing."

Workers at A C

Goatham & Son's, at Thrognall Farm in Sittingbourne, are preparing for investment going forward, with some £270,000 of fruit trees being planted over the next two decades.

Partner Ross Goatham said: "The last few weeks of the summer are for us spent waiting patiently and watching the weather until the right moment to start picking the early varieties."

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Still on the rails at 80-years-old

By Chris Britcher

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AN 80-year-old great grandfather who has worked for more than three decades at a busy commuter railway station has been dubbed a 'living legend' by passengers for his dedication and commitment.

Sprightly Joe Foster works full-time at St Mary Cray station and is always at his post whether rain, snow or shine to carry out his shift as a train dispatcher.

What's more, he's never had to take a day off ill.

And over the years he has become a familiar face for the thousands of commuters who pour through the station.

He ensures passengers are safely on the train before blowing his whistle to tell the driver it's safe to depart.

Now Mr Foster, who has three children, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren has been singled out for praise from employer Southeastern for putting in more than 30 years' service.

And despite reaching such a milestone, he says he does not intend to hang up his hi-vis jacket and has no plans to retire.

He said: "I absolutely love my job. I love working with others and this role allows me to go out and help all sorts of people every day. Why would



'LEGEND': Joe Foster has no plans to quit his job at St Mary's Cray where he has become a familiar face

I ever want to do anything else?

"After working here for such a long period of time, I know most of the passengers, talk to them each day and always greet them with a smile. In fact, I have heard that many call me a living legend, which is lovely to hear and always makes me laugh."

Joe, who lives close to the station, began his job on the railways in 1984.

At first, he started as an on board train conductor at East Croydon but after talking to platform staff he quickly realised he wanted to do a role similar to theirs. Soon after-

wards, he started as a train dispatcher and has never looked back.

But Mr Foster is aware he needs to keep fit in order to pass the yearly medical required for his role and always cycles to work whatever the weather.

His philosophy for leading a healthy life means he avoids high

cholesterol food and maintains a healthy and balanced Mediterranean diet. He supplements this with some daily extras including two cloves of garlic and two teaspoons of olive oil a day as well as daily cod liver oil tablets.

These, he believes, are part of the secret of his success as he always passes his medical with flying colours.

He added: "Keeping fit is important in this role as I have to pass an annual medical so I exercise by cycling to work and eating healthily. I also supplement this with a few extras which really help me to stay strong. It must be working as I have never taken a day off ill."

Commuter Nick Sharp, a father-of-three from Sevenoaks, said: "Joe always puts a smile on my face. He is a shining example that age is just a number, having a laugh with Joe is the best part of my journey. He really is a living legend."

Barbara Thomas, passenger services director at Southeastern, added: "We're so proud to have Joe working for us."

"He does an exceptional job helping our passengers through the station. Joe's long service with Southeastern has been recognised internally and he will be on the front of our internal employee magazine in special recognition of his commitment to passengers."

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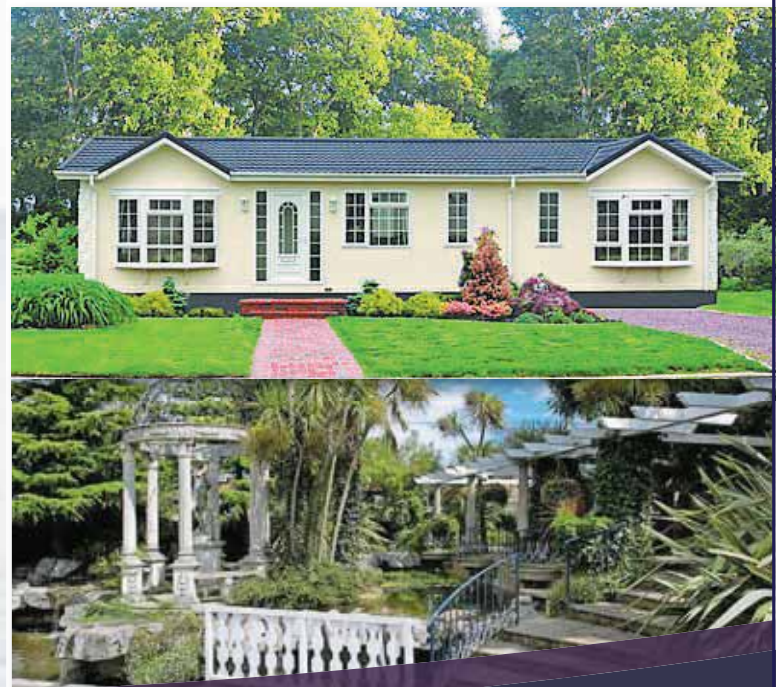
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HALL: Crowds flocked to Margate venue last weekend for the three-day event

Play powers up as it debuts at Winter Gardens

Following in the footsteps of Geek, another show dedicated to video games arrived last weekend

REVIEW by Chris Britcher

Play Margate at the Winter Gardens

WHEN video games exploded into the home, many celebrated the progress and wonder of technology as they sat in awe of ever more sophisticated sprites dancing across their TV sets while at the mercy of their game pads.

But a victim of the path well trodden by everyone from Atari to Commodore, Nintendo to Microsoft and Sega to Sony was the often garish seaside amusement arcade.

After all, why pay 50p for a bit of thumb twiddling action when you could play something similar, and for far longer, without having to roll out of bed?

Thus, the arcades had to look elsewhere for their big revenue drivers – or buy in boxes shaped like cars or spaceships to compete.

All of which is why Margate becoming a key venue now to celebrate the shifting sands of the video game industry seems particularly fitting given its own seafront changes.

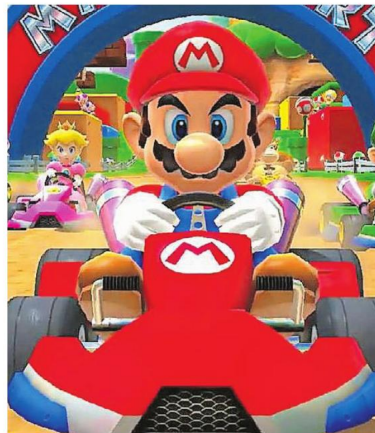
First there was Geek – short for Gaming Expo East Kent – which has established itself as an off-peak event to pull in a younger audience to the Winter Gardens over a February half-term weekend.

But now there is Play Margate, which ploughs a similar furrow but comes from the stable which has staged similar events in Blackpool and Manchester.

Making its debut last weekend, the crowds on the Sunday were a little modest – but all the better for those who made the trip on a day looking more like February given the rain.

The big difference between this and Geek is that the focus is almost entirely on the playing – and the journey the industry has been on.

So there were arcade machines stacked up alongside pinballs – not something Geek provides – and games from the very earliest to



FUN: Mario Kart joined a strong line-up

very latest. Nintendo, which so often seems to get overlooked at Geek, was well represented and the event benefitted significantly from it, courtesy of their pick up and play ease.

What's more, there seemed to be far more co-ordination into how games were served up. So the various incarnations of Tomb Raider, Mario Kart and the Star Wars series were grouped together so you could literally shuffle along and watch the development of the games before your eyes.

The result? A far more rounded and enjoyable event which felt like its focus was clearly defined and far broader in the number of games offered. This was a retro romp, nothing more, nothing less.

It's hard not to like either event; after all, the chance to beat your children on a 20-year-old version of Mario Kart is a tempting one.

The big question is can Margate support two such events? I will not be alone in keeping my fingers crossed the answer is yes.

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Brothers with big ambitions and determination to beat condition

Highlighting Jeans for Genes Day, meet the family fighting not to let genetic condition derail dreams

TWO young brothers are refusing to let a debilitating genetic disorder stop them achieving their dreams, as they this week raise awareness of what they and others like them experience ahead of a special national fundraising day.

Alex Foy, 17, and his 12-year-old brother William, from Broadstairs, have a condition which severely hampers their mobility, leaving them both confined to a wheelchair and in regular pain.

But they are determined to overcome the challenges in their way, and will be joining thousands around the country next month for Jeans for Genes Day – a charitable event that encourages everyone to wear jeans to work or school in return for a donation.

And all monies raised will go to the charity, which specialises in helping children who suffer from genetic disorders.

The Foy brothers were both born with Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT), an inherited condition that causes muscle weakness in the feet, ankles, legs and hands.

It affects one in 2,500 people in the UK, and is one of the most commonly inherited neurological disorders.

The brothers have a 50/50 chance of passing it on to any children they have.

Both inherited it from their father Jonathan, who also has the condition.

Their mother, accountant Rebecca, has given up work to care for the family.

The mother-of-four boys told us: "Each night Alex and William are in pain. My other boys James, 15 and Edward who is 10 do not have CMT."

"We do the best we can. There are all sorts of reasons some people are not able to do particular things in their lives.

"But Alex is starting his career in accounting and he loves it. William want to be a maths professor at Oxford or Cambridge."

Both boys have refused to let their condition stop them performing well academically.

Before he was three, William had taught himself to read in under a week with the use of two alphabet charts. Alex completed grade five violin by the age of 10.

They both use a wheelchair to make everyday life a lot less painful.

Mrs Foy said over the years Alex has broken at least 20 bones, mainly in his feet, ankles and legs.

She said: "For Alex, grammar school was hell. He kept falling over and breaking bones, but he couldn't use a wheelchair because they couldn't adjust their timetables for him. We moved him in Year 10 to a better school and he had a social life again.

"With William, he has a very clear



VOW: Alex and William Foy sometimes struggle with rare condition, but are throwing their support behind a charity day designed to help fund research

“ My feet, knees and hips and back hurt everyday. I used to take painkillers but needed so many I couldn't think straight, so I stopped using them ”

Alex Foy,
on day-to-day issues of CMT

ambition in his mind that he has had for so long. He wants to be a professor of mathematics at Cambridge. He was reading Stephen Hawkins when he was eight. When he talks to me about it, I have to slow him down and explain it to me. He know what he wants.

"I am terrible proud of what they have managed to do against all the odds.

"They are fighters and are determined not to let this condition get them down."

Alex said: "I suppose I'm used to it now. My feet hurt every day, as do my knees and hips and back. I used to take painkillers but I needed so many to reduce the pain that I couldn't think straight, so I stopped using them.

"I don't like people seeing my feet as I have lots of scars from the operations I had two years ago. I may need more operations in the future when I stop growing. I can't tell the difference between hot and cold so I'm not allowed to cook as I may burn myself. It's frustrating having to ask other people to help you all the time especially as you want to be an adult."

And William added: "I always keep a walking stick with me as it helps me

JUST WHAT IS CHARCOT MARIE TOOTH?

CHARCOT Marie Tooth disease is more than one condition and can sometimes be called hereditary motor and sensory neuropathy.

Combined, these conditions attack the peripheral nerves outside the main central nervous system of the brain and spinal cord.

These look after muscle control and send information back to the brain – things like what it feels like to touch.

CMT traditionally creates muscle weakness in the feet, ankles, legs and hands and creates difficulty in walking.

The first signs appear at the age

of about five and up to 15, but on rare occasions won't manifest until middle age.

The NHS said it is a progressive condition, making tasks increasingly difficult day to day.

The conditions are caused by an inherited fault in one of the genes responsible for the development of the peripheral nerves.

Because there are so many types, the chance of passing it from parents to child depends on the specific genetic faults.

A GP can refer anyone worried to a neurologist who specialises in the nervous system.

Anyone suspecting it to be in their family should see a doctor if

they are considering having children.

There is currently no cure for CMT, according to the NHS.

But treatments can relieve symptoms, aid mobility and increase the independence and quality of life for people with the condition, it said.

Things to try are physiotherapy, exercise, occupational therapy and walking aids. Surgery can sometimes also help.

It is not life-threatening but makes everyday activities very difficult. Living with a long-term, progressive condition can also have a significant emotional impact, the NHS says.

when I feel like I'm going to fall over. During the week at school or if I'm travelling long distances I use a wheelchair or mobility scooter as I feel much safer sitting down. Alex has broken his feet a lot of times and I don't want that to happen to me. I know that if I do lots of walking or exercise that I will be tired and in pain

and I won't sleep well, so I have to chose what I need to do and what I want to do."

This year the money raised by Jeans for Genes Day will fund 70 places at CMT UK's annual family conference, where there are fun sessions for children and workshops for parents.

The organisation said it is also a chance for people living with CMT to share their experience and get to know people in the same situation.

■ Jeans for Genes Day takes place on September 18. For details of how you can get involved or donate, visit www.jeansforgenesday.org.

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PRIMAL: Isaac Holman and Laurie Vincent.

Duo Slaves return to roots with gig in Tunbridge Wells

The acclaimed duo will be concluding their headline tour in the Kent town...

ACCLAIMED band Slaves will be returning to their Kent roots and performing in Tunbridge Wells in December.

The duo is made up of Isaac Holman and Laurie Vincent - who hail from Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone respectively.

The two-piece band, consisting of Mr Holman on vocals and drums and Mr Vincent on guitar, shot straight into the top 10 album chart when their debut *Are You Satisfied?* in March.

After early releases on an indie label they were signed by Virgin EMI last year and since then have enjoyed a meteoric rise to fame - completing their first sold out headline tour on the country, playing a string of acclaimed radio sessions and performing three slots

at Glastonbury festival.

Their fast-paced live performances and energetic guitar riffs have excited crowds, and they have enjoyed a hectic touring schedule over the summer - with performances at Reading and Leeds Festival, Bestival, Japan's acclaimed Summer Sonic Festival and Belgium's Pukkelpop.

And straight afterwards they will be heading out on their biggest ever headline tour in November - with a triumphant return to Tunbridge Wells, where it all began for the pair, marking their final gig of the year.

They met in the town some four years ago.

"We were both in different bands around Kent," said Mr Vincent.

"I was a big fan of one of Isaac's early projects - Bareface. I went to one of their shows and we met

afterwards. We are like brothers now. We do everything together."

Kent influences have made their way into a number of the duo's songs - and the guitarist even has the name of the county tattooed on his hand.

"Where's Your Car Debbie? was written when we were at the Tunbridge Wells Forum," explained Mr Vincent.

The song tells the story of a spooky walk through the woods, during which the pair try and help an acquaintance find her car... and get scared of encountering Bigfoot.

"Girl Fight was about Isaac seeing girls fighting in Tunbridge Wells," Mr Vincent added.

"Most of our songs were written in Kent early on.

"We try and keep it as local as we can and we always tell everyone

we are from Kent to try and inspire people from there."

And they have a unique sound.

Explains Mr Vincent: "We get called punk quite a lot and lots of people have arguments about whether we are punk or not so we decided its primal.

"We are trying to talk about how people should be inspired. We want to do something different.

"We just want to make the music we want to make and keep creating. We want to keep evolving and getting better and writing albums.

"We don't want to be the same in 20 years."

Slaves will be performing at the Assembly Rooms on December 18 and tickets for the show are available to buy now.

To book, you can visit visit <http://gigst.rs/slvs>.

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Julian Clary on new tour

COMIC Julian Clary will bring his tour The Joy of Mincing to the county next year. He will be at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on April 22 and at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, two nights later.



It's Only Fools and Boycie

AN evening with actor John Challis, well-known for his role as Boycie in BBC's Only Fools and Horses, will be taking place at the Theatre Royal, Margate, on September 26.

Only Fools and Boycie will see Mr Challis reveal anecdotes and secrets from the set.

To book, visit www.theatreroyalmargate.com

Kooks back in Folkestone

INDIE rock band The Kooks will play at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, on December 14. They previously played there to a sell-out crowd in 2006.

Tickets start at £23.25. To book, call 0844 871 3015.



An adaptation of Christie

AGATHA Christie's play The Hollow will be performed in Gravesend next month.

The Gravesend & District Theatre Guild will be presenting the production from September 3 to 5 at the Guild Theatre.

To book, call 07738416183 or visit www.gravesendtheatreguild.org/tickets.

King and queen of ballroom to bring new show to the county

by Molly Kersey

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THE king and queen of ballroom – Anton Du Beke and Erin Boag – will be bringing their new show to Canterbury next year.

The pair have become household names due to their performances on both the stage and screen, and the widely recognised duo have been professional partners since 1997.

The dancers honed their talents on the competitive circuit and they were chosen to take part in BBC's Saturday night TV show Strictly Come Dancing in 2004.

Mr Du Beke has starred in all 12 series so far and Ms Boag has appeared in 10.

Their popularity has translated from TV on to the stage and their new show – Just Gotta Dance – will feature a mixture of impressive choreography, colourful costumes and music.

Mr Du Beke and Ms Boag will be joined on stage by star vocalist Lance Ellington, as well as six world-class ensemble dancers and the 25-piece London Concert Orchestra, conducted by Richard Balcombe.

The programme will include classic hits such as Fever, New York, New York, Night and Day, Too Darn Hot, Downtown, Jealousy, Bye Bye Blackbird and Lullaby on Broadway.

As well as this, the production will also feature a popular Q & A session, which provides the opportunity for some amusing interaction with the theatre audiences.

Commenting on the new show, Mr Du Beke said: "Erin and I can't wait to be out on tour again."

"We love to perform and are also looking forward to some lively banter with the audience – these are always fun occasions."

Just Gotta Dance will be performed at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, from February 4 to 5 2016.

Performances will be at 7.30pm, with one matinee performance at 3pm on Thursday.

Tickets for the show are available to buy now and prices range from £32 to £49.50.

Booking fees apply.

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Season to savour all that the county has to offer you

WITH summer now well underway, there is no place like the Garden of England when it comes to taking a ride out and having a fine meal.

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The beautiful countryside of the county produces a wonderful backdrop to the whole dining experience.

Kent eateries pride themselves on sourcing as much produce as possible from local establishments - and with such a wide and excellent range available that is surely the wisest course to take.

Away from the countryside, historic towns also boast top-class cafes, restaurants and pubs serving high-quality dishes prepared by talented chefs and served by keen and knowledgeable staff.

So with some of the summer season still remaining, it is time to get out and enjoy all that the county has to offer!



Old Coach & Horses Canterbury

Why here?

THE traditional village pub in the picturesque village of Harbledown is a five minute drive from Canterbury City Centre or a 15 minute walk. It offers a warm, friendly atmosphere and welcomes locals, visitors and families.

On the menu...

The menu offers top quality, freshly cooked food using local ingredients, along with an extensive wine and drinks selection. Their Sunday roasts are particularly popular with families and hot roast facilities for garden parties are offered.

How to book...

Canterbury CT2 9AB. Call 01227 766609 or visit www.theoldcoachandhorses.co.uk



The Black Horse Monks Horton

Why here?

THE Black Horse is a traditional country pub located in the picturesque hamlet of Monks Horton.

The surrounding area is mainly agricultural and it affords some incredible views of the Garden of England.

The Black Horse also has an extensive garden to the rear, with a children's play area.

Inside the pub the country theme continues.

There is exposed brick floor in the bar area, exposed

beams throughout and a number of open fireplaces.

On the menu...

The Black Horse is a traditional oak-beamed country pub and Italian restaurant. The Black Horse offers personalised catering for all events, as well as Sunday lunchtime roasts carved especially for you.

How to book...

Fiddling Lane, Monks Horton, Ashford, TN25 6AP. Call 01303 812182.

The Anchor & Hope Sevenoaks

Why here?

THE Anchor & Hope is a country pub owned and run by Emma Pearson and Benjamin Eldridge. Along with a great team of people their aim is to make sure you have a good time, whatever your reason for visiting them.

On the menu...

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How to book...

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On the menu...

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On the menu...

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How to book...

Ashford, TN23 1BA. Call 01233 638033 or visit www.trattoriaromana.co.uk.

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Making the most of this Bank Holiday



QUALITY: They sell sausages and pies.

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Enjoy family music at picturesque pub

THE Red Lion at Herne Hill is a picturesque 14th century pub situated in a small village near the town of Faversham. Surrounded in history the pub dates back to the 1300s and still contains many original features. Their last annual family music festival is being held today (August 30) from noon until 6pm.

A BBQ, pulled pork

and American hot dogs will be served throughout the day. There will be acoustic music from noon to 1pm, blues from 1.15pm to 2.30pm and Kelly's Heroes from 2.45pm to 4.15pm. CoCo will be finishing off the evening.

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Mrs Binskin said: "2015 was the fourth year in a row where we were the most requested attraction in the My Big Kent Weekend by a pretty big margin, and we hope that everyone will use the great weather which this year has seen to visit us and see for themselves why there's such a buzz around Wingham Wildlife Park."

Wingham Wildlife Park has come a long way since the days of being a bird park and now boasts one of the most diverse cat collections in the country featuring jaguars, pumas, lions, tigers, cheetahs and caracals.

While birds are still ever present in the park - it is home to Kent's only penguins and somewhere you can get nose to beak with flamingos - the collection has diversified to include more than 200 species, more than any other zoo in the county.

The animal numbers are growing from within, with a number of animals being born in the first half of the year including penguins, ring tailed lemurs, Pardine Genets snakes and even red pandas.



DIVERSE: There are many different species at the park.

Mr Binskin explains: "The red pandas are on the European studbook and our previous male had been exchanged with Banham zoo as part of

the breeding programme, but before doing so Jasper left his legacy with May Xlang and we are proud to have two babies at our park now."

Eyes are looking ahead and there is huge anticipation for the eight ex-laboratory chimps coming from the USA later this year - and visitors can

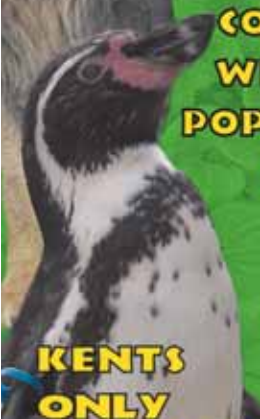
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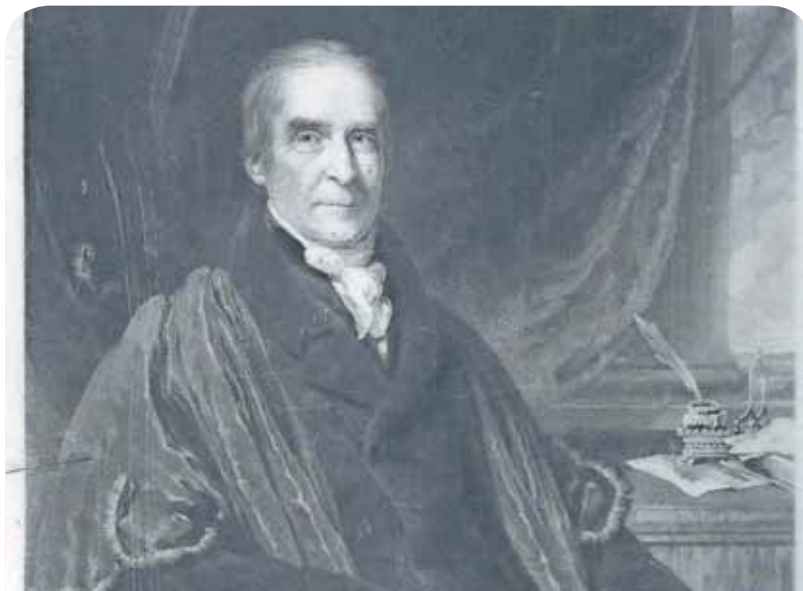
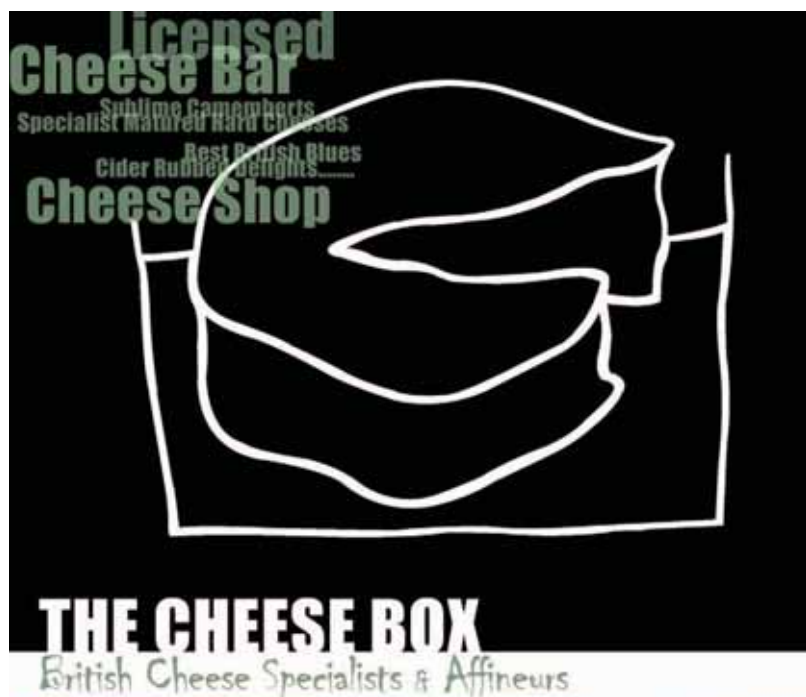
Specialist British cheese shop offers a number of matured or truffled delights

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can't help but rub off as they offer up their own ancient matured or truffled delights.

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HERITAGE: Taddy's Barn is named after James Taddy.

Tea room now under new management

EAST Northdown Farms & Gardens, in Thanet, is a family garden that is open daily all year. They traditionally hold a Mayor's garden party. This year William and Louise Friend welcomed the Mayor of Margate to their gardens on August 14. The garden party was held in support of this year's Mayor's charities - The Royal School for the Deaf and the Parkinson's Society.

Taddy's Barn tearoom provides teas and light lunches to the Nursery and Garden visitors and local clubs and groups. Carol Lechev will be taking over the running of the tearoom from September 1, and already runs her bee keeping business - Botany Bay Bee Farm - at the farm.

Taddy's Barn is named after James Taddy, one of Margate's greatest benefactors.

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Ring Carol: 07789 593215 or email: karoobj-bee-farm@hotmail.com

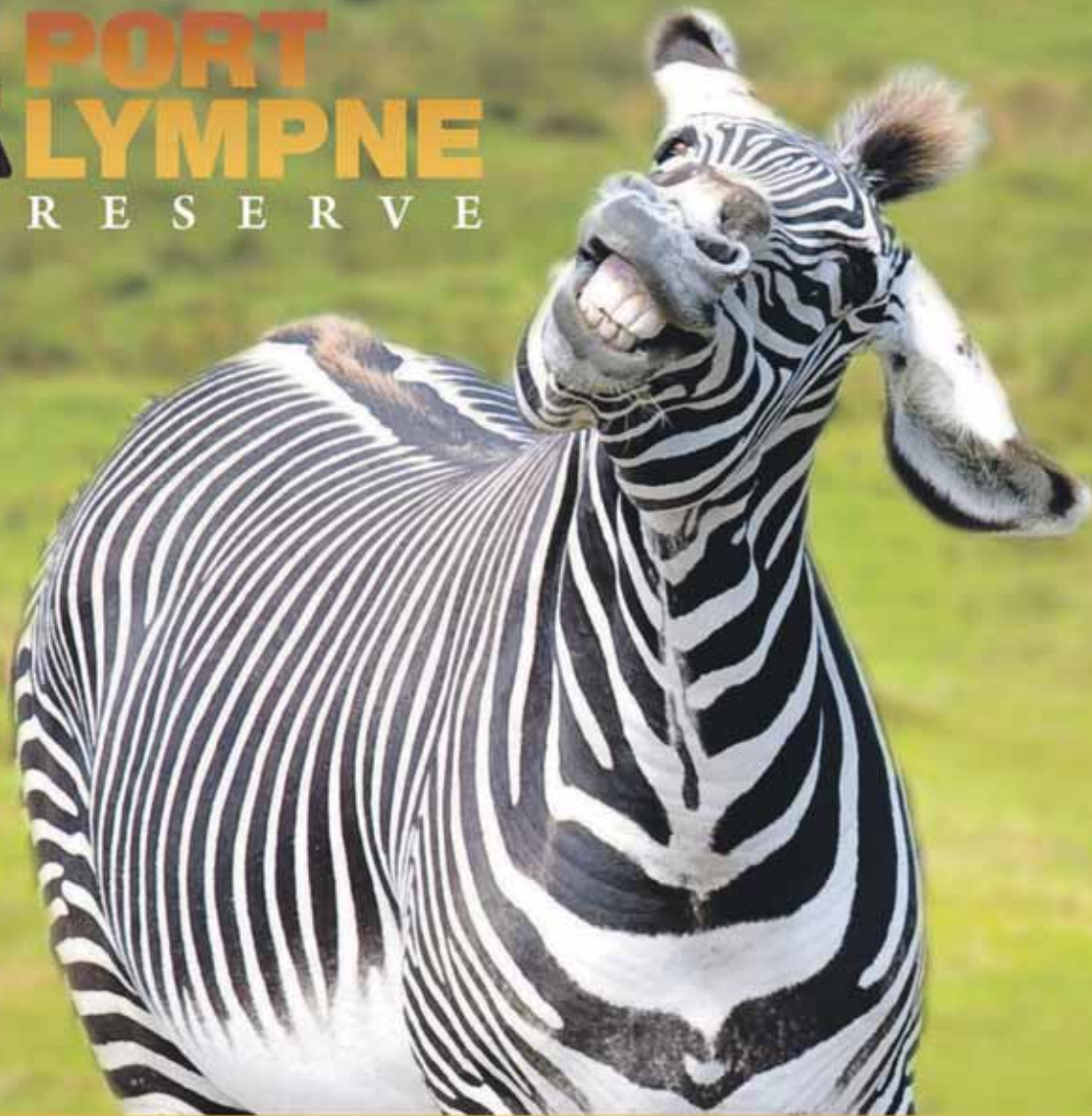


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COUNCIL: They hope the scheme will attract more visitors to the town.

Free parking offered by Ashford Council

SHOPPERS can enjoy free parking in select council-owned car parks in Ashford and Tenterden over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Ashford Borough Council is offering free parking in the Edinburgh Road and Flour Mills car parks on Sunday (August 30) and Monday (August 31). In addition, parking will be free after 3pm on the same two days in

the Station Road car park. Visitors can also park for free all day in the Bridewell Lane car park in Tenterden on Sunday and Monday.

The council hopes that the free parking scheme will attract more visitors to the town centre and boost trade, which will ultimately help improve the high street's fortunes.

Full details of free parking can be found at www.ashford.gov.uk/free-parking.

Event offers visitors fine food and drink



SHOWCASE: Craft products will be on offer.

THE Quex Park Food, Drink and Crafts show will be taking place on September 12 and 13. Situated in the beautiful Quex Park Estate in Birchington, at the Craft Village, a selection of the finest foods, drinks and crafts Kent has to offer will be in store. You will be able to showcase your products and buy the

best of local Kentish foods and drinks, as well as unique craft items - with stalls selling their goods so that you may begin making crafts yourself.

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WEDDINGS: Packages are on offer.

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AGELESS: The festival will bring together activities and services on offer.

Celebrate Thanet as a great place for growing older

A FESTIVAL for people aged 50 and over will be held at the Winter Gardens in Margate on September 6 part of Ageless Thanet – a Big Lottery funded project.

The festival is a celebration of making Thanet a great place to get older. It will bring together amazing activities and services that are currently on offer and what will be coming for all of Thanet's over 50 age group. They also want to hear from you and what you want, so they can help make it happen.

From 10am to 4pm there will be more than 20 interactive stalls, including body toning tables, holistic therapy, focused citizens advice, tailored active sports, reminiscing with Dreamland, art with the Turner Contemporary, active lives active minds, volunteering opportunities, and more.

Admission will be free and if transport is an issue there will be the Bluebird Vintage Bus that you can catch from around the Isle!

Everyone who wants to find out more or make a difference is welcome to come along, you do not have to be over 50 to join in. If you have a genuine interest in making Thanet a great place to grow old then they want to hear from you.

The Ageless Thanet project is working with

“ The festival is a celebration of making Thanet a great place to get older. Everyone who wants to find out more or make a difference is welcome to come along ”

Your Leisure to provide free, high quality health, leisure and hobby activities in Margate Central and Ramsgate Eastcliff for people aged 50 and over. It doesn't matter if you're 50 or 100, they aim to offer something for everyone.

Activities are being delivered in the heart of the community, easily accessible for all and completely free – including badminton, music workshops and flamenco dancing.

For more details about the festival visit www.yourleisure.uk.com/ageless or call 01843 601550.

You can visit www.sekgroup.org.uk/ageless-thanet to find out more about the Ageless Thanet project.

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New book by pair with a mutual love of seafood

Mitch Tonks and Mat Prowse have released a recipe book which has been aptly named *The Seahorse*

FORGET coffee, tea or an icy shower, if there's anything guaranteed to give restaurant owners Mitch Tonks and Mat Prowse a boost in the morning, it's their breakfast grappa. Since travelling around Europe some years ago, on the hunt for culinary inspiration for their celebrated Seahorse restaurant in Devon, the two friends have continued the boozy morning ritual, which is popular in food markets in Italy and Spain.

"We like our little drink in the morning," says Mr Tonks, laughing. "It's quite enjoyable," adds the award-winning chef, who fronted Good Food series, Mitch And Matt's Big Fish Recipes, with former rugby star Matt Dawson.

"The secret is, it's only one drink, and for some reason, some days it's better than others. Some days you don't really get it, and other days you get really quite smashed and I'm not sure why."

While the pair's customary drink has raised a few eyebrows, it's part and parcel of the jovial atmosphere they hope to create in the restaurant, with dancing on tables and musical interludes from their maitre d' Mark Ely encouraged.

"It doesn't really sound like it's a very professional place," says Mr Prowse. "It has a life of its own."

Friends since the late nineties, Mr Tonks and Mr Prowse – whose experience in kitchens began with pot-washing for a local eatery when he



JOVIAL: The pair hope to create an enjoyable atmosphere.

was 13 – have released a new recipe book, aptly named *The Seahorse*, based on dishes they serve in their restaurant.

While they are both knee-deep in seafood these days, this wasn't always this case.

"I was working as a head chef at a restaurant in Bath and Mitch came to sell me fish," explains Mr Prowse.

"He set up his fishmongers there after giving up his previous life as an accountant in London. He came into the restaurant one day, trying to sell me fish, and that was it, we just hit it off. We decided to start running cookery classes."

While he and Mr Tonks, who "wasn't having a great time" as an accountant and quit aged 27, bonded

over their love of seafood, they're well aware that many people don't share their enthusiasm for fish.

"It smells. It's going to stick in your throat and you're going to be dragged to hospital to get rid of it," exclaims Mr Prowse, with a weary sigh.

"Everything you hear about fish, whether it's sustainability or cooking it, is all negative. But it's not. It's an easy thing to cook. Very simply with the sustainability thing, just find yourself a good fishmonger and trust they're doing that bit for you."

"Buy the freshest fish you can find, cook it really simply and you'll have the best meal ever. That's all we do in the restaurant. Sometimes you feel like a fraud because it is so easy, but behind the scenes it's not!"

Basil Brush is on stage

THE Basil Brush show will be performed on stage at the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, on September 12.

The Basil Brush Show was on BBC TV for some 14 years and was seen by millions.

The friendly fox will be taking to the stage with his TV friend Mr Stephen – played by Chris Pizzey.

Performances are at 11am and 2.30pm. For tickets, call 01622 758611.

Macbeth re-invented

ARE-INVENTED version of Macbeth will be performed at the Folkestone Quarterhouse from October 8 to 9.

Macbeth – Blood Will Have Blood, is aiming to be accessible for young people aged between nine and 13.

The one-man adaptation hopes to offer audiences a fresh look at Shakespeare's shocking story of ambition and greed.

For tickets, call 01303 760750.

Abba hits on the stage

THE Abba Reunion tribute show will be bringing the hits of Abba on to the stage at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone.

The performance will be taking place on September 4 at 7.30pm.

The show features a number of Abba's well-known hits including a recreation of their Eurovision winning song Waterloo.

For more details, or to book, you can visit www.atgtickets.com/folkestone.

Cricket legend in Kent

FRESH from the commentary box following England's successful Ashes series, the outspoken cricket legend Geoffrey Boycott will be taking to the stage in Canterbury next month.

He will be joined for the evening by co-commentator Jonathan 'Aggers' Agnew, as they reflect on a life in the game at the Marlowe Theatre on September 20.

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Get a taste for the Baltic high seas

TRAVEL REVIEW: Baltic

by Michael McHugh

ATART apple crumble is my traditionally British dessert, as I sail towards Scandinavia and Russia with one of the UK's most venerable old cruise lines.

Yet on the MV Britannia, P&O's new flagship liner, the familiar dish is turned on its head. The crumble looks like breaded cod and is accompanied by a bowl of 'mashed potato' - a sorbet tasting like 100 apples have been crammed into every icy spoonful.

With celebrity chef Marco Pierre White on board, I feel I could be in a select corner of an English shire, enjoying the fruits of a same-day forage in his beloved orchard.

He's just one of the kitchen whizzes P&O have recruited for a star-studded line up of Food Heroes Cruises. Indian cuisine specialist Atul Kochhar, French master pastry chef Eric Lanlard, wine expert Olly Smith and Brit boy James Martin also host voyages, and some are even prepared to roll up their sleeves and teach passengers in the ship's Cookery Club.

I'm sailing on Britannia, the largest cruise ship ever built for the British market. The 3,600-passenger monolith is based in Southampton and its Union Jack livery is visible for miles when at sea. It towers over far-flung quays like a piece of oceanic mega-fauna. Eric Lanlard has joined us for this sailing, creating a gourmet version of that most British of institutions - afternoon tea.

Star of the show is a dark chocolate 'tear drop', my spoon revealing a centre of oozing Italian Amarena cherry mousse, and I can't help but remark on the clever presentation, as I bite into a rose-flavoured cake in the form of a lollipop. But I quickly realise these elaborate dishes are something



GOURMET: There is a star-studded line up for the Food Heroes Cruises.

I'd struggle to emulate at home.

Any thoughts of putting down the fork and seriously picking up the spatula are swiftly dispelled during a cookery class with White, of TV's Hell's Kitchen fame. He urges novice chefs to relax, by downplaying potential hazards: "What is the worst you can do, over cook it or under cook it?"

As I miss the boiling water and accidentally tip my dry macaroni into a lobster sauce, his words echo in my

ears while pupil and teacher lock eyes. The maestro never loses poise, draining the soupy mixture from the uncooked pasta, but I feel the pitying glances of my classmates as I try to hide behind the stove.

The boat weaves between small islands with log cabins painted cream, accessible only by water. We're soon on our way to St Petersburg, Russia's 'window on the West', which lies on the Baltic's eastern extremity. Post-

card-perfect classical buildings and Venetian-style canals define this former imperial capital.

I visit Peterhof, the summer palace of Catherine the Great. It's dripping with gaudy Baroque-style gold ornamentation and chandeliers - all recreations, as the original riches were plundered by Nazi troops during the second world war. More than 100 rooms were destroyed, but so far only 25 have been restored.

TRAVEL FACTS

P&O Cruises is offering a 14-night Baltic cruise on the Azura from £999, departing on June 5 from Southampton. Includes full-board meals and afternoon tea, kids' clubs and entertainment. Marco Pierre White cruises for 2016 include: 14-night Mediterranean cruise on the Britannia from July 30 to August 13, from £1,679. For details visit www.pocruises.com or call 0843 373 0111.

Outside the building's Gulf of Finland-facing facade is an extravagance matching that of its interior: fountains with two golden kneeling half-human, half-beast figures dominate formal gardens, filled with topiary and manicured lawns. Our day of culture concludes with a ballet evening under the high, stuccoed ceilings of the Grand Palace. The prima ballerina in St Petersburg native Pyotr Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake displays perfect timing during dizzily long pirouettes, losing herself in the dance.

On board Britannia, dancing isn't quite of the same mesmerising quality. But the mostly middle-to-old-aged passengers happily waltz and shimmy into the small hours at the Crystal Room dancing lounge. Julian Smith, a soprano saxophonist who you might remember from the 2009 series of Britain's Got Talent, plays Ennio Morricone's soundtrack to 1986 film The Mission, as I stand at the back of a crowded auditorium, surrounded by passengers in their most elegant evening gowns and black tie outfits. My ambitions to be a gourmet chef may have quickly sunk without trace, but a holiday spent dining on fine food and even finer views has been nothing short of plain sailing.

Film Reviews by Damon Smith



HITMAN: AGENT 47
(15, 96 mins) Thriller

BASED on the videogame series, Aleksander Bach's frenetic action thriller hopes to atone for the sins of a 2007 film version headlining Timothy Olyphant as the eponymous genetically engineered assassin. Rupert Friend is cast as 47, who carries out contracts on high-profile targets on behalf of the International Contracts Agency.

Known by a barcode tattoo on the back of his neck, 47 is the product of years of research, which has imbued the killing machine with unrivalled intelligence, speed, stamina and strength. A huge corporation fronted by Le Clerq wishes to exploit these abilities for nefarious purposes to create an army of obedient trained killers. So 47 joins forces with Katia van Dees, whose father Dr Litvenko initiated the Agent program and is the only man with the power and knowledge to stop Le Clerq. In order to carry out his plan, 47 must evade Le Clerq's cronies and a tenacious CIA operative called John Smith.

WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS
(15, 96 mins) Drama

COLE, played by Zac Efron, is a 23-year-old aspiring DJ, who lives in the San Fernando Valley with his friends. They all dream of success

in the music and acting industries but big breaks are elusive, even for talented wannabes, they struggle to make ends meet. Cole crosses paths with James Reed, an established DJ, who has risen through the ranks. James takes Cole under his wing and offers him a shot at getting to know the right people and becoming a record producer. As Cole hones his craft, he becomes attracted to James' younger girlfriend Sophie and their burgeoning friendship threatens to spark a full-blown affair. This potential betrayal of trust drives a wedge between Cole and his mentor, and the fast-rising DJ must decide if he should put his nascent career on hold for the sake of an uncertain, damaging romance.

BUILDING JERUSALEM
(12A, 90 mins) Documentary

ON November 22, 2003, England



held its breath as the national rugby union team captained by Martin Johnson faced the might of home favourites Australia led by George Gregan in the World Cup final at the Telstra Stadium in Sydney. With less than 30 seconds remaining, Jonny Wilkinson kicked a drop goal that tipped the match in favour of

England, who eventually won 20-17. James Erskine's documentary chronicles events leading up to this victory, focusing on Wilkinson, Johnson and coach Clive Woodward. Combining archive footage and new interviews, Building Jerusalem examines the rebirth of England as a rugby union powerhouse.

SUMMER is nearly over and canny gardeners will now be stealing a march on spring by ordering their bulbs for autumn planting, or visiting local garden centres to see what's on offer.

There's a wealth of choice, with growers coming up with new ranges every year, but here are some which may be worth seeking out:

Dazzling daffodils: For those who prefer subtle hues and prolific blooms, check out Narcissus 'Obdam', a pretty double-flowered variety which flowers in March and April, growing to 30 to 40cm. It is highly fragrant with soft double creamy-white flowers. 10 bulbs are £6.99 at www.suttons.co.uk. Among the best bicoloured scented daffodil is N. 'Galactic Star', which has sturdy stems topped with large, frilly white cups which start out pale yellow, backed by yellow petals with an unusual white base. 10 bulbs are £9.99 from www.suttons.co.uk.

Tempting tulips: The vibrant Darwin hybrid Tulipa 'World's Fire', has large, single scarlet flowers with a faint golden pinstripe edging. Growing from 45 to 60cm, it's a strong and reliable performer and one to plant in drifts to make a bold statement, blooming from mid-April and into May. 10 bulbs are £6.95 from www.mr-fothergills.co.uk.

Another sizzling spring tulip is Tulip 'Fire Wings', with pointed, winged petals that open out in a vibrant clash of red and yellow, adding fire and heat to your spring bulb displays. Easy to



DAZZLING: There is a wealth of choice.

Bag the best bulbs for spring

grow, with good weather resistance, it should return year after year, providing seasonal colour in borders and containers, growing to 60cm. 16 bulbs are £11.99 from www.thompson-morgan.com.

For a more blousy type, try the double early Tulipa 'La Belle Epoque', which blends coffee into apricot and pink. It grows to 50cm, flowering in

May. 10 bulbs are £8.99 from www.suttons.co.uk.

Colourful Crocus: These pint-sized beauties are among the first to herald spring and are often naturalised in lawns and woodland areas. While Dutch crocus boast the biggest blooms, there are some other more unusual varieties including the botanical crocus, Versicolour picturatus, with diamond white petals and delicate purple stripes. 15 bulbs, are £9.99 from www.suttons.co.uk.

Mini muscari: Grape hyacinths look fantastic planted in single colours in terracotta pots, in swathes of blue or white. A particularly vivid variety is M armeniacum. Ten bulbs are £2.95 from www.organiccatalogue.com.

Awesome Alliums: For a late-blooming variety, try Allium Summer Drummer. Blooming through July and into August, it has tightly packed flower heads which are lavender gradually fading to white. Growing to 120cm, it's a superb border specimen and is wonderful for cutting. Three bulbs, £9.95 at www.mr-fothergills.co.uk.

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We're allowed to fight our corner

AS USUAL the seemingly closed minded Phil Granger continues to almost willfully misread or misunderstand what others are talking about; and indeed he'll likely not understand nor like the following:

*It is precisely because of "our forefathers" winning WW2 that we can all continue to have such debates today.

*The issue he alludes to about supposedly persecuted or fined Christians and gay people, is specifically that of a few B&B owners who have refused to accommodate gay couples. The law is now clear on this - being that whilst Christians are entitled to hold their beliefs they cannot discriminate in terms of goods and services. Similarly gay B&B owners, or other such, cannot bar people merely on the grounds of sexuality or religion.

*It has been a usually small number of Christians who have wanted to see their religion as 'special' and thus exempt from anti-discrimination laws.

*The Catholic Inquisition; which still exists under another name; is a side issue although it must be remembered that they were past masters at persecutions, and even murderers, of alleged heretics and others.

*He again suggests he accepts gay people, but typically avoids Chris Hudson-Gool's call to say if he accepts gay marriage.

Prior to this, Chris Hudson-Gool suggested I diverted from the main issue, but I simply took the chance to put some evidence-based facts on Bible history and climate change before readers and in answer to some assertions against the latter.

On this may I, in passing, also reply to Ian Taylor; the Association of British Drivers; that the evidenced facts are that since at least 2011 air quality in the UK, and London in particular, can still be amongst the worst in Europe.

In April 2015, the Supreme Court ordered the Government to take immediate action to tackle the dangerously high levels of nitrogen dioxide found in the UK; and on July 15 the London Assembly's 'Driving away from Diesel' urged tackling the problem as soon as possible across the city.

So just to re-iterate, whilst Messrs Granger, Taylor et al have the right to express their views, they cannot be free from being challenged robustly on them.

Ray Duff,
Folkestone

LETTER OF THE WEEK



Three months and still it's going strong

OH dear! What has happened to the normally lucid Phil Granger?

His tirade published in KoS last weekend bears all the hallmarks of a person who has worked themselves up into a state of high dudgeon, then taken up a position on the moral high ground to launch into a sanctimonious rant.

He accuses me of breath-taking arrogance and bullying people into 'meek acceptance' just for taking a position with which he does not agree.

I have not bullied anyone. Neither do I expect meek acceptance, least of all from a highly opinionated person such as him; and I did not arrogantly 'decide' what he believes, merely speculated on what it might be.

He is wrong to assert that I have made demands for homosexuals to be treated as a 'special' case. I have never done so. Indeed that is quite the opposite of what I believe should be the case. That is why I happen to agree with Nigel Farage

that there is no need to have a policy about homosexuals, as they're the same as everyone else and therefore entitled to be treated fairly and equally under the law.

He states that 'God gave us free will...' and he states it as if it's a fact, when it can only be a belief. Then has the gall to call me a dogmatist!

Finally, when he mentions 'the freedom our fathers fought for', I trust he is including in that, Alan Turing, a person whose genius is widely acknowledged to have shortened the war by at least two years, thus saving probably thousands of lives. Leaving aside how he was 'rewarded' for his efforts, there is the likelihood that were it not for him, Phil Granger and I are just two people who wouldn't now be able to express freedom of speech in Kent on Sunday, or anywhere else for that matter, because we wouldn't even have been born.

Christopher Hudson-Gool
Maidstone

Leaving the EU is the only solution and the forthcoming referendum is the best chance for the electorate to force the politicians to accept that fact.

Colin Bullen,
Tonbridge

Speeding into a foreign system

AIDAN Reid from Tispol (European Traffic Police Network) in supporting a new crackdown on 'speeding' drivers, is quoted as saying (KOS 16.08) "anyone who still believes that speeding is a trivial offence needs to think again".

If it is so serious an offence that initiates an European wide crackdown, why are police officers with speeding prosecutions still allowed to keep their jobs?

We are always told there is a zero tolerance approach, but perhaps it should start a bit closer to home!

Most people would have little idea (or the money!) to try and defend themselves in a British court, with hundreds of pages of traffic law to be studied, no knowledge of equipment used, or whether it was used to manufactures' instructions, or even if the speed limit was legally set etc - so what chance of defending yourself in a foreign court, hundreds of miles away, in a language you do not speak?

Easy for empire building Tispol to prosecute holiday makers with 'foreign' number plates, safe in the knowledge that whatever the police say, there is absolutely no chance of the victim being able to defend themselves.

Terry Hudson,
Whitstable

Support call for off-patent drugs

THE Off-patent Drugs Bill will be voted on in Parliament on November 6.

The Bill is designed to address the problem of making drugs that have fallen out of patent, but have since proved effective for clinical uses outside of their original licence, routinely available on the NHS.

If it successfully enters UK law, it will improve access to low-cost treatments for a range of conditions including breast cancer, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's. In order for it to progress a step closer to becoming law, 100 MPs need to turn up and vote in its favour this November.

Join the campaign by visiting breastcancernow.org/unlockdrugs

Lisa Berry,
Gravesend

Calais solution is not enough

THE measures announced regarding the crisis at Calais (KoS, last week) are comparable with attempting to stop a boiling kettle by blocking the spout rather than turning off the gas.

The self-interested politicians of the main parties refuse to face reality, as to do so would involve acknowledging that it is the existence of the EU, with its Schengen agreement and interfer-

ence in our welfare arrangements, which is the root cause of this ongoing and growing disaster.

They will always put their access to the enhanced career path provided by Brussels and the chance to strut their little hour upon a wider stage before the interests of the British people.

The proposed changes will, at best, temporarily reduce the numbers succeeding in breaking into the port of Calais but, of course it, only takes one migrant in the tunnel to disrupt movement once again. In addition other routes to the UK will find themselves under siege.

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by **Derek Darby**, from
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SIMON, 50, actor, loves music, films, reading, writing, loopholes, ambiguity, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia, WLTm a pretty leggy female, 35 years plus for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418827

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MALE 57, seeking honest, reliable, genuine lady for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418535

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69YR old male, professional, 5ft 10ins, fit, medium build, young outgoing, reliable, sincere, likes most things, seeks slim, slender, uncomplicated lady. Kent/Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418531

RICHARD 63, N/S, clean-shaven, likes meals out, days out, classic cars, seeking female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418517

JOHN young 50, tall, slim, hardworking, seeking business/professional female for discreet meetings, can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418461

PAUL 48, 5ft 8ins, GSOH, likes music, cinema, seeks female for fun, friendship and LTR. Tunbridge Wells. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371985

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BRIAN 70 Maidstone, seeking female, 60 plus, likes meals out, cinema, theatre, days out and cosy nights in. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 410611

BRIAN happy go lucky, genuine, loving, likes nights in, DVDs, meals out, seeking genuine lady for loving, caring relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418197

MALE widower, N/S, likes reading, walking, WLTm lady 50-70 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418173

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BRIAN 71, likes meals out, drinks, nights in, music, walks, seeks female with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 417697

PROFESSIONAL, romantic male, 44, likes meals out, cinema, music, holidays, seeks female, 30-55 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 250195

JONATHAN good looking, considerate, long curly hair, N/S, seeks tall, slim female, 30-45. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418451

YOUNG 64yr old male, slim, GSOH, adventurous, outgoing, likes most things, seeks easygoing, laidback, open-minded lady for friendship and good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 399539

ASHFORD male, 66, GSOH, easy going, smoker, down to earth, adventurous, seeks like-minded female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 416845

55YR old male, 5ft 9ins, slim, likes swimming, pool, seeking female for fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418265

COMPANION sought, 50-60s by slim, young looking 65yr old man for cinema, music, eating, drinking, talking and laughter. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418257

JOHN nice looking, brown curly hair, gentle, understanding, seeks tall, slim lady for daytime no strings fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 418207



PAUL GSOH, 5ft 8ins, medium build, seeking M's. Right for LTR to put the spark back into life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391970

MALE 71, Tidy, OHAC WLTm Lady late 60s early 70s for easy friendship. Likes animals. Text only to Mailbox No: 4757205

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FACELIFT: FIAT's seven-year-old 500 supermini/city car is still a force to be reckoned with...

'Lucky seven' for the FIAT 500?

PREVIEW: Italian car giant extends the life of its petite retro star, with a subtle yet in-depth style preserving facelift...

DON'T fix it if ain't broke is an approach that rarely works in the motor industry. Even Henry Ford – the 'father' of motor manufacture – jeopardised his corporation by persisting with the famous Model T when it was long past its sell-by date.

So FIAT's facelift for the seven-year-old 500 supermini/city car is intriguing: carmakers usually replace a model five to seven years after launch, but the Italian marque must be hoping the number seven weaves its lucky charms, enabling the 'Cinquecento' to soldier on much longer.

The retro star, inspired by the classic 1950s 500 'Nuevo', has certainly been lucky for FIAT, first rescuing the company from financial crash, and then enabling it to take over the American Chrysler group, including Jeep.

And, to be fair, is there really much point in re-inventing a car where styling is such a huge part of its appeal?

FIAT claims to have made 1,800 changes to the car, yet you'd hardly notice the new bumpers, front and rear lights and some new colours.

But media/comms-loving trendy buyers who previously hugged the 500 to their bosoms will love the new Uconnect infotainment system, available with digital radio and integrated Tom-Tom satnav; why don't more manufacturers stop dithering with expensive and invariably infuriat-



ing in-house satnavs and simply install user-friendly Tom-Tom or Garmin systems?

Would-be buyers will also note how the attractive retro cabin has been upgraded and FIAT offers, yep, even more personalisation options inside and out, including customisation features branded as 'Second Skins'.

And they might even be interested in FIAT's claim that the powertrains are also more efficient and eco-friendly than before – though they were never poor in this respect anyway.

The 'new' 500 goes on sale for September, from £10,890, as a three-door hatchback or fashionable rolltop roof 500C convertible.

Riding roughshod over pricey 'soft-roaders'

Get a grip on the cheap this winter without the expense of 4x4, through Peugeot's clever 2008 with Grip Control, writes **Steve Loader...**

FOR a cost-effective all-seasons wagon for not much more than a hatchback, look no further. Peugeot delivers this elusive package with the excellent 2008 crossover (from £13,195) based on its no less impressive 208 supermini.

The 2008's no-nonsense styling and higher ride height might jar slightly against the 208's undoubted chic – and I'm not sure about the chrome strip above the former's rear door – but it's not too utilitarian.

The clincher for rural buyers though is the Grip Control, available on most versions (from £16,750).

This advanced traction control for the front driving wheels partners with all-season 'Mud & Snow' tyres to give pseudo 4x4 performance in most on-road situations.

Combining with the 2008's slightly higher ride height, it also tackles all the off-road binds that most drivers will ever get into.

As such, it counters 'soft-roader' 4x4 negatives: high upfront cost, plus added weight and consumption of tyres and fuel.

Grip Control has a simple dial with five icons for Normal, Snow, Off-Road, Sand or ESP (electronic



stability control programme) Off.

I was an early convert after Peugeot staged the 2008 press launch at an indoor ski slope: Grip Control allowed me to drive the 2008 up and down an un-gritted 14-degree incline of snow and ice with complete control.

In a real life scenario, where

parents in my own village often struggle to drive kids to school up a shallower hill with a light dusting of snow, I know the 2008 would breeze it, and with only front-wheel drive – there is no 4x4 version.

Even if you avoid the dearer Grip Control versions, the 2008 is worth a look on price: you pay a premium of



just two grand to get into the 208's chunky big brother.

Petrol and diesel engines are offered: none are tearaways – the 2008 could never be called sporting – but none are duds either, although the 82bhp three-cylinder petrol is a tad underpowered, if economical and cheap to buy.

Peugeot 2008 Feline BlueHDi 120

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The test car was a range-topping 120bhp 1.6-litre diesel in flagship Feline trim: a smooth and economical engine (76.3mpg official combined) with enough grunt for the best of Grip Control off the beaten track.

Good handling and ride comfort are a 2008 standard and I like the big and airy cabin of what is still a relatively compact car.

A high driving position and space is enhanced on Feline models by a full length panoramic glass roof, with electric sunblind and, for night time, blue strips of lighting at its sides – very futuristic.

Rear legroom and load space is also surprising for a car of this scale: an impressive 360-litre boot, or overall 1,172 with rear seats quickly flopped with one-touch levers.



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SKODA STAR: buyers have taken the spacious yet compact Octavia estate to their hearts

Surge in new car sales gets boost as price of fuel drops

THERE was already a feel good factor within the UK motor industry and dealers, but the surge is now being boosted by tumbling fuel prices. SO long under the cosh at filling station forecourts, drivers have something more to make them consider buying a new car.

Some had already got the message: new car registrations notched a half year record of 1,376,889 units from January 1 to June 30 this year – also a seven per cent jump on the same period last year.

The previous record was 1,376,565 over the same months in 2004, and the other good news is that buyers now have a greater appetite for UK-built cars – one in six now has a 'Made in Britain' stamp on it.

The figures come from motor industry mouthpiece, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), which says the continuing boom is due to low interest rates and attractive finance deals, combined with new models featuring the latest technologies, encouraging consumers.

And it is welcome news as the industry braces itself for another surge in demand with the



ITALIAN FLAIR: Alfa Romeo's Giulietta is a family hatch that looks like a coupe

arrival of the '65 reg plate on September 1.

SMMT Chief Executive Mike Hawes said: "It is still a great time to buy a new car in the UK, and it is encouraging to see more consumers choosing British models. This is important for the wider economy with 799,000 people now employed across the UK automotive sector, including retail. We anticipate a flatter second half of the year as the market finds its natural running rate."



SUPERMINI WINNER: latest in a line of big-selling Peugeot hatchbacks – the 208



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FUEL bills may be tumbling, but past price hikes have helped force a rapid downshift in the car size we prefer.

Even if we ignore fuel, insurance premiums, greater environmental awareness, and punitive road tax on larger cars have all played their part in turning us away from the typical family car, once epitomized by those ubiquitous Fords, the Cortina, Sierra and Mondeo, and squeezing us into family hatchbacks first, and now superminis.

The supermini, and even smaller

city car, account for around 40 per cent of new car sales, followed by family hatchbacks with around 25 per cent of registrations.

It might not be long though before family hatchbacks are under threat too from the new kid on the block, the crossover.

As the name implies, this straddles several sectors by being part family hatch, part MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) or people carrier, and part SUV (Sports Utility Vehicle) and is highlighted by cars like the Hyundai ix35, Renault Captur and Peugeot 3008.

Nobody is saying this burgeoning sector will catch the supermini/city car though, which packs so much into a small package.

Even the commonality of the two-box supermini shape – dictated by the need for compact on-road dimensions – can be addressed by

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CLASSY MPV: the Renault Scenic founded the mid-size people carrier sector - pictured here in chunky XMOD finish



Need room for kids or sporty lifestyle?

SUPERMINIS rule the UK car market, but many buyers need more space for their family or to pursue an active or sporty lifestyle.

Fortunately, the motor industry has become adept at identifying niches within niches – where a car showroom might once have carried a marque's four key models, there may now be as many as a dozen.

The SUV (sports utility vehicle) and MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) are two of the most popular alternatives.

Rough, tough 4x4 styling inspired the former, but when drivers realised they simply weren't using the full off-road capacity, the complexity was reduced and the SUV or 'soft-roader' was born. Latterly, these are increasingly available in frugal front-wheel drive only form.

The MPV's one-box style and height evolved from the need to carry the maximum number of people and their luggage; a sort of posh minibus for which the term 'people carrier' was quickly coined.



ELEGANT AND PRACTICAL: the smooth Hyundai i40 Tourer (above)



COMPACT CROSSOVER/4X4: the newly-launched Jeep Renegade

The usual five or seven seats are also installed with flexibility in mind so that they can be folded in any combination or even left flat, turning the MPV into a useful van.

Not happy to leave it there, manufacturers then realised they could marry both types and add a dash of family hatchback driveability, to create the crossover.

But not everyone is convinced by these newcomers, so there has also been a revival of the estate car, not that it's often referred to so humbly - sports tourer, ST and other

variations are more likely.

This is because modern estates are expected to say more about your active living. Indeed, many are described as 'lifestyle estates', where looks are often given priority over load-carrying prowess.

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Savvy drivers think eco - economical as well as ecological!

IT'S good to choose cars that are eco-friendly, but savvy drivers know that going green also saves money.

Many new models not only help to offset ever-rising fuel bills, but also lower or even remove road tax bills altogether. The latest tax bandings range from zero for cars with the lowest CO2 emissions (below 100g/km) right up to £1,065 a year for gas guzzling limos or 4x4s.

Naturally, anyone spending £50,000-100,000 on a car won't worry about small change like that, but most of us like saving a few quid on fuel and tax while also doing our bit for the environment.

Longer term, electric cars may be the answer because they are quiet, cheap to fuel and emission free at the point of use, but battery technology must catch up and the emissions

argument for electric is misleading. Until we have zero emission power stations, electric cars simply transfer the CO2 and noxious gas output from exhaust pipe to belching chimney. Production of hydrogen to power our cars raises a similar dilemma.

Are hybrids the answer then? Well, they tend to be dearer upfront, but the savings in running costs and tax can be significant and particularly for company car drivers.

On the other hand, conventional internal combustion engine running costs and emissions are falling while efficiency increases.

In fact, things are moving so fast that you marvel at what Government prodding has achieved.

Most carmakers now have an eco sub-brand, but weigh potential long-term savings against upfront cost - if you don't cover enough miles to make the fuel savings offset the eco car's purchase price, conventional alternatives may be a better bet.

Don't ignore petrol cars either; the higher price of diesels and the fuel at the pumps must be compared with new small capacity low emission/consumption yet lively turbocharged petrol engines. And if you are considering a supermini or family hatchback, it's probably best to avoid diesel completely unless covering 'galactic' mileages.



GREENING IT: the economic and tax advantages of a city car such as the Skoda Citigo (above) and eco-diesel versions of cars like the latest Peugeot 308 (below) hatchback are obvious, but is the future in electric cars like the Renault Zoe (left)



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Almost a quarter of new motors registered in 2014 were white, the most since records began, and up from less than one per cent a decade ago.

It just goes to prove how hard it is to read the colour code and pick a trendy hue you like that doesn't date fast.

After all, you don't want to be saddled with a car that becomes hard to sell or part exchange later, like houses once blighted by a hideous 1970s bathroom suite in 'Avocado', 'Acid Green' or 'Latte Brown'.

White's great comeback in car fashion was revealed by figures from the motor industry body, the SMMT (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders).

These show white was last year's top choice for the second year running – accounting for 2,476,435 or 22.2 per cent of registrations

Maybe it's a sign of global warming and hotter summers, causing car buyers to choose white because it reflects the heat, as well as handling mechanical car washes and general wear and tear well.

It also seems a popular choice on eco-friendly models – a way of proclaiming your care for the environment.

If heat is a factor then black's No2 position could be in jeopardy; never far off the top places, it took 19 per cent of the market last year, followed by grey metallic (14 per cent) at No3.

Red is a perennial and gained a 13 per cent slice of sales, but silver – once a strong leader – has now fallen back to sixth place.

Our tip for the next colour star is yellow: it looks good on sporting cars, but is also said to be safer because it stands out more, a factor that caused BT's forerunner, Post Office Telephones, to change its then



WHITE BOUNCES BACK: as on this Jeep Cherokee, but the yellow on this Skoda Fabia could be a bigger hit in future, and red – paired with a white roof on this Citroën DS3 – is a perennial favourite



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Recruitment packs are available from Westlands School or online (www.westlands.org.uk).

Please note that we cannot accept CVs without an application form.

Applicants should include a letter of application detailing how they meet the requirements of the person specification.

Closing date: Wednesday 9 September 2015 at noon

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

Licensing Act 2003

Application for a New Premises Licence

Name of Applicant: Colin Barrett
Premises: Clubland - 3 Clocktower, The Crescent, Sheerness, Kent ME12 1AG
Proposed Licensable activities:
Indoor Sporting Events, Films, Boxing & Wrestling, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance Of Dance, Anything Of a Similar Description to Live Music, & Sale of Alcohol.
Proposed Hours: Sun - Wed 11:00-00:00, Thurs-Sat 11:00-03:30, Late Night Refreshment Sun-Wed 23:00-00:00, Thurs-Sat 23:00-03:30. Non standard timings Bank Holidays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve closing at 04.30.

Date of Notice : 10th August 2015

Any objections to this application must be made in writing to The Licensing Department
Swale Borough Council
Swale House
East Street
Sittingbourne
Kent, ME10 3HT

Objections must be received within 28 days of the date of this notice. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable, on summary conviction, to a maximum fine of £5,000

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Mr. Mark David White trading as Metro Mechanical Services Ltd is applying to change an existing licence as follows:

To add an operating centre to keep 15 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at Unit A3, Lion Business Park, Dering Way, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2DN.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

Kent and Medway **NHS**

NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 24th September 2015

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, who provide mental health and a range of other services to the people of Kent and Medway, will be holding its AGM at:

Mercury, Maidstone Great Danes Hotel, Ashford Road, Hollingbourne, Nr. Maidstone, Kent ME17 1RE.

Refreshments from 6.00pm and starting at 6.30pm. The meeting will include a review of the past year, current focus and a financial report.

Anyone wishing to attend must register, places are limited.

To confirm your attendance email communications@kmpn.nhs.uk or call 01622 724100.

LICENSING ACT 2003 PRESCRIBED PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MRS. JURATE IESALNIECE has applied to Dartford Borough Council for a full variation of the Premises Licence pertaining to 8 COPPERFIELDS SHOPPING CENTRE, SPITAL STREET, DARTFORD DA1 2DE.

FULL DETAILS OF LICENCE: Sale of Alcohol for consumption on and off the Premises:

Sunday to Thursday 10.00 to 22.00

Friday to Saturday 10.00 to 22.00

Any representations from Interested Parties should be made in WRITING to: the Licensing Section, Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR, no later than **Wednesday 9th September 2015.**

Dated: Thursday 13th August 2015.

It is an offence knowingly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of which a person is liable on summary conviction is level 5 on the standard scale (5,000).

The Application and Public Register can be viewed in full at The Licensing Section, Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent DA1 1DR, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

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Come with us to Maranello in Northern Italy - home to the most famous sports car maker in the world - Ferrari. Our tour takes in all the sights of Maranello including the Ferrari Museum, Viale Enzo Ferrari and the Fiorano Test Track (featured in Top Gear, 22nd February). We also visit the Enzo Ferrari Museum in Modena and we stay at a 4-star Ferrari themed hotel.

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INCLUDED: Return flights Gatwick to Funchal with hold luggage • 7 nights at a 4-star hotel in Funchal • 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners from the buffet, plus afternoon coffee and cake • Drinks included with lunch and dinner - aperitifs, local wine, beer, soft drinks and local spirits • Live entertainment 3 times per week (subject to change) • Services of our representative in resort • 2 half-days and 1 full-day excursion • Return airport to hotel transfers



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Monaco Historic Grand Prix

By Air from Gatwick • 13 May, 2016 • Quote: GP5-7-KOS

This bi-annual extravaganza, celebrating its 10th edition in 2016, is run on the famous Formula 1 course with rare and famous Grand Prix cars dating from the 1940s to 1980s. In contrast to its modern day counterpart, held two weeks later, the Grand Prix de Monaco Historique is far more relaxed, friendlier and accessible. You can get close to cars and drivers on a stroll through the paddock - definitely off limits at the F1 GP, and you'll have plenty of elbow room in the grandstand too - we include a two-day seated ticket.

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Note: All prices subject to flight availability at time of booking - supplement may apply

Asher-Smith 'over the moon' at final

Sprinter breaks British record but just misses out on podium



Athletics

By Jamie Weir

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NEXT stop for Dina Asher-Smith is Rio in 2016, after the 19-year-old from Orpington picked up a new British record at the athletics World Championships in Beijing on Friday.

Asher-Smith failed to achieve a medal position in the final of a hugely competitive 200m field though, coming fifth overall in the race.

The sprinter was beaten by the Dutch runner Dafne Schippers who scorched to victory in a time of 21.63 seconds..

Despite failing to get a place on the podium, Asher-Smith ran a great race after getting a strong start. She put pressure on runners at the front getting her personal best time of 22.07 seconds.

DELIGHTED: Orpington star came a respectable fifth in Beijing on Friday but broke 31-year-old British record

Pictures: MARTIN RICKETT/PA WIRE

The sprinter also picked up the British record, beating the previous time set in 1984 by 0.2 m/s.

But it wasn't the only record she broke during the race. Asher-Smith also became the fastest teenager ever to run 200m - something which marks her out as a future champion.

Immediately after the race, she told the BBC: "I'm absolutely over the moon with that. To be in a race of that standing - 21.63 seconds is ridiculous. I didn't know those times existed!

"I'm just really, really happy to have run a personal best in a world championship final."

She said that despite the pressure, she'd been 'relaxed' during the race.

Asher-Smith said: "I run better when I'm relaxed, so I just tried to stay relaxed and have fun with it. I gave it my all.

"I'm just speechless. I really didn't

imagine I'd come fifth in the world a year after winning in the juniors.

"I'm happy to run a personal best and British record in a world final. I can't ask for any more."

The British record crowns a great year for Asher-Smith, during which she's consistently improved in both the 200m and 100m distances.

Earlier in the year, she also became the fastest British woman in history, powering through the 100m sprint in just 10.99 seconds at the London Anniversary Games.

One thing she showed throughout the championship heats is the ability to constantly improve running the races in 22.22s, 22.12s and finally 22.07s.

She said: "It's rare in the champs, as sometimes people get tired so from a progression point of view, it's brilliant for me."

Darts set for battle as neighbours Fleet head in

BANK Holiday Monday will bring one of Kent's most mouthwatering local derbies, as Ebbsfleet go head to head with fellow north Kent team, Dartford FC.

A big crowd is expected at Dartford's Princes Park for the match which will see Ebbsfleet look to build on their impressive start to the season. Going into this weekend, they had won all four of their opening matches.

And Dartford manager Tony Burman says he knows his team will have a real fight on their hands.

The Dart's boss told KoS: "Ebbsfleet are a tough team, there's no doubt about that. They could compete not just one tier above us, but they could compete in League football.

"They've got some good players on their team, but actually, I've got some



BURMAN: Looking forward to the derby atmosphere

good lads on my team too. It's certainly not going to be a one sided affair, I can say that much."

He added: "We've got some young guys on the team, and you just can't be sure how they'll react during a local derby like this.

"The atmosphere should be amazing, and you can be sure the crowd will be cheering the players on.

"That could also be a benefit, with the guys working harder on the pitch as a result of that."

While Dartford have had a lacklustre season so far, Fleet had a great start to their 2015-2016 campaign.

Their manager Daryl McMahon told KoS he was confident going into the game, saying the squad were playing together well.

He said: "I haven't got a crystal ball, but the team are feeling good and confident after a great start this season so it'll be a great game."

Kick off is at 3pm.

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Oystermen sack boss after pointless openers

THE revolving managerial door at Whitstable Town swung once more this week as Will Graham found himself out of a job after being sacked on Friday.

It follows a dire start to the season for the Oystermen who currently sit rock bottom of the Ryman League South after five straight defeats and dumped out of the Alan Turvey League Cup.

The club had only recruited Graham following the departure in the summer of experienced duo Jim and Danny Ward.

In a statement, club chairman Gary Johnson said: "It is with regret the club confirms the departure of Will Graham.

"I would like to place my thanks for Graham's energy and passion on record."

He says the club will now seek an experienced Ryman or equivalent manager.

Assistant manager Simon Halsey and coach Ricardo de Vivo have temporarily taken over first team matters. The club had a tough FA preliminary round tie at home to Walton Casuals on Saturday.



CHANGES: Will Graham got booted out of Belmont



COLES: In his more familiar role of bowler

Spitfires shot down in One Day Cup quarters

KENT'S second chance at white ball cricket glory slipped from their grasp as they bombed out of the One Day Cup quarterfinals after a knife-edge game against Surrey.

Surrey won the toss, taking to the crease first to build a solid position to defend with 273 runs.

Once Kent finally made it in to bat, the Spitfires started the drama. Daniel Bell-Drummond fell first, making just a single run from eight balls before opener Joe Dely crumbled on just 13. Sam Northeast stopped the rot - but only briefly, his

wicket falling after making 23 from 39 balls. A flurry of wicket-taking by a solid bowling attack from Surrey was only truly halted when tail-end batsman Matt Coles stepped up.

Coles smashed it around the ground, making a 73-ball century before Surrey could finally see him off. In hitting nine sixes and seven fours, Coles chalked up his career best performance in One Day Cup cricket.

Despite the heroic effort from Coles, Surrey's total was just too big, and Kent lost by 17 runs.

Angels look to continue winning

VCD Athletic make the short journey to Tonbridge Angels' Longmead Stadium on Monday looking to finally get some points on the board this weekend.

They went into the weekend still searching their first win but will face a tough task in the Ryman Premier clash, with the Angels starting their season strongly.

Meanwhile, the Angels have been handed a home draw in the second round the Robert Dyas Ryman League Cup to Hastings United.

The draw took place on Friday.

The game is provisionally scheduled for October 6.

VCD were dumped out of the competition in the first round after defeat to Chatham.

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